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Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Modernisation of Mini Steel Plants

*471. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNDEERA KAUR (DEEPA):

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited has suggested any modernisation Programme for mini steel plants including improvement of productivity quality and conservation of energy ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). In studies of the mini steel plants conducted by Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) limited, the following modernisation measures have been identified;

Improvement in productivity/quality

(i) Introduction of high power transformers
(ii) installation of water cooled side walls and roofs
(iii) use of direct reduced iron
(iv) Installation of power factor correction equipment
(v) Mechanisation of auxiliary operations
(vi) Continuos casting process

Reduction of power consumption and conservation of energy

(i) Oxygen assisted melting

(ii) Oxy-fule burners

(iii) Scrap pre-heating

(iv) Use of lime instead of limestone

(v) Ladle furnaces

(vi) Automation

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, would like to submit to the hon. Minister that since old technique has been the cause of low productivity in the steel plants, the Government propose to modernise this sector; the details of which have been given in the reply given by the hon. Minister. I would like to know whether the Government has chalked out special schemes to implement those modifications? if so the time by which they will be implemented? If they have already been implemented then I would also like to know the estimated expenditure required for them and the time by which they will be completed.

[*English*]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: After the delicensing and decontrol of the Steel, the secondary sector is expected to have upgradation, and modernisation by themselves. As the hon . Member has said, it is a fact that in 1985 the steel Ministry had asked MECON to go into the details of the modernisation of the secondary sector. Squbseently the Science and Technology Ministry has also formed a Committee. On the basis of that Committee, I have said in may reply as to what are the recommendations. As per the recommendations, there are about 177 electric iron furnace units in the country. They have taken certain steps and they are getting finance from the IDBI. The Ministry of Steel does not have any scheme to give monetary help.

But we have our task force, which has identified the various linkages. And we give then some sort of a help to the secondary sector so that they can take. advantage of its modernisation, as per the recommendation. after the delicensing and decontrol, it has now taken a step towards modernisation. I am sure that in due course this will also strengthen secondary sector.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Mr speaker, sir, my second supplementary question is how much production is expected to increase as a result of these modernisation programmes and how much of energy will be conserved. I would also like to know the total number of steel plants proposed to be modernised and the places where they are situated.

[*English*]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, last year our production was 14.8 million tonnes. The target for this year is 16.3 million tonnes. The secondary sector has got a capacity of seven million tonns. Till last year we are only producing four million tonn. when decontrol and delicensing was done, at the request of the Steel Ministry the Government of India has reduced the customs duty on scrap, which is the main raw material for the secondary sector. As a result scrap availability in the country has gone up. And not only that but also the sponge iron, which is another raw marterial, has taken a very improved capacity utilisation in the market and more sponge iron is now available. With these measures we hope that the production, at the end of 1995-96 will go up to seven million tonnes, and by 2000 A.D. it may go upto 10 to 15 million tonnes. As I have said there are small onini plants in the secondary sector and these are .mostly in the private sector. We are only concerned with the integrated steel plant. And we are taking steps to modernise our plant in Rourkela. Contract has already been finalised. globall tender has been awarded. We are also going to the PIB for Bokaro Steel Plant Modern isation in Durgapur is going on. This is a bit behind chedule mainly because of some problem in Russia as Russion firms are not working. Now we have overcome this. We expect that modernisation in Durgapur will be completed except Blastu Furnance -II by March, 1993. This is our target date. We are getting cooperation from the workers of the plant and I am sure that modernisation in /Durgapur will be completed by March, 1993.

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Sir, I want to know, from the Government, through you , as to whether any proposal has been received from any private sector undertaking to establish a mini steel plant in the mailing area oif Bonai sub-division of Sundergarh District Orissa, if so, what are the battenechs in approving the proposal?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I do not have that information. I will send it to the hon. Member.

SHRI BAUSDEB ACHARIA: Sir, these mini steel plans are playing an important role in meeting the demands of steel in our country. There are a number of steel plants that have been closed down because of various factories. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he will direct MECON to undertake a study of these closed mini steel plants so that the plants can be revived.

Secondly, there are two closed mini steel plants in our District, Purulia. The hon. Minster has visited our district and he had assured that the would take every step for the revival of these closed mini steel plants. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he will ask MECON to study the viability of these two mini steel plants of the district, so that these two mini steel plants can be revived and start production?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: The year 1991 was a bad period for the mini steel-plants because the availability of scrap was not there and it was because of the high customs duty at the rate of 35 per cent. now, it has been reduced. out of 177 mini-steel plants about 50 were closed. Many of them have now opened and some of the have not been able to open because of lack of power supply, not the raw-materiel. This is one of the difficulties about the mini steel plants. Captive power plant is also not viable. This is the main reason that some of the plant are still closed.

The hon. member has mentioned about the two closed mini steel plants in Purulia. Yes, I have visited these two plants. I have met the representatives of the Labour unions. One of the owner is in Calcutta and another is in Patna. Inspite of my repeated appeals, they have not met me. If the hon. member can bering them to me for what ever assistance they require from my Ministry, I am prepared to give because the labourers are suffering. I have got full sympathy with them. Let congress and CPI(M) work together to bring them here.

SHRI VIJAYA NAVAL PATIL: Sir, the hon. Minister has mentioned that some of the steel plants are still closed because of non-availability of power supply. The first at recommendations of the MECON is introduction of high -power ransformers so, I would like to know from the hon. inister what special efforts he will make from his Ministry to revive these mini steel plants by getting the power supply from various State Electicity Boards because of they remian closed for ssome more. time, then they will be completely crippled and it will be diffucult to start them again.

SHRI SONTHOSH DEV: Sir, the main problem is that these mini steel plants are not concentrated in one place, except in Ghaziabad and Mandi Gobindgarh in Punjab. As a result, for is to help them with power by providing some sort of captive power plant by calling some entrepreneur, is very difficult. These are in isolated places and they need support from the National Grid and the State Grid. We have requested the state Governments and I shall appeal to the hon. Members to impress upon the state governments because these mini steel plants are such plants which give employment to lot of unemployed youth and those are ITI passed or under-matric. So they should do it there. From our side we are trying to help them. Whenever they need any financial help and go to IDBI, we give our helping hand to them and we hope that IDBI is also trying to finance them. but availability of power mostly depends on the State government and all the State Governments are all so suffering from shortage of power. Now private sector people are also coming forward and starting power plants. Let us hope that the situation will improve.

[*Translation*]

SHRI S.M.LALJAN BASHA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister is aware that steel is not available even for construction purposes to the poor people of the country. The price of steel has gone up from Rs. 7000/- per metric tonne to Rs.14000/- per metric tonne during the last 5 years, A large number of houses are destroyed in Andhra Pradesh every year, due to typhoons and thus they have to be reconstructed. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he proposes to increase the number of steel plants and Rolling Mills in States and also to bring down the prices of steel.

[*English*]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, this is most unfortunate that we are being alleged for increasing our price. the price which has been increased is because of the increase in the input cost. The prines of power has gonce up, the prines of coal has gone up, railway fare has gone up and because of devaluation, the imported coking coal has become costlier. We have increased the prines by fourteen per cent to fifteen per cent and out of that, twelve per cent is because of the increase in the input costs. Real increase is only two per cent. Here, in this house, the hon. member say that the public sector should be made viable. Yes. One of the public sectors is the steel sector. Now we are having a budget of our own. No budgetary support is there. I have to modernise my plants, as *said. So, the increase was inevitable. Through* you, Sir, I would like to inform the house that we contribute about 56 per cent of the market demand; balance comes from the secondary sector. Still, even after the increase in the price of my steel, there is a variation of Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500 per M.T. between the price in the secondary sector and the primary sector. So, the price of my steel is still lower than the market price. We know our social responsibility because our customers are Defence, Railways, communication, MES, CPWD etc. Which go in for the requirement of their steel to the public sector. in our new guidelines we have kept a provision that anybody who wants to make a house noed not come to me or anybody else. He can walk into a stock yard, give his municipal permission, tell his requirement and get up to ten tonnes without any difficulty.

as regards price, I am to say that there is no chance of reducing it because what we have done, we have done because of the increase in the input cost.

[Translation]

SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Mr. speaker, Sir, the existing price of steel is Rs. 14000/- per metric tonne. Does he propose to reduce the price of steel so that it is available at low price to the people for constructing their houses?

[*English*]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Nothing is under consideration with us for the reducing the cost.

SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say that some measures have been recommended for modernisation of the steel plants to increase the productivity and quality. I would like to know what will be the increase in productivity if all the existing steel plants are modernised as suggested by MECON.

In that case, I want to know what is the government's proposal for modernisation or how many mini-steel plants they propose to modernise and in what time they propose do it I want know that will be increased production I also want to know how many mini-steel plants will be modernised during the coming years and what will be the total cost of modernising them.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I am a bit confused. If the question is about modernisation of integrated steel plants, I can answer it. but I connote answer if it is about mini-steel plants. The mini-steel plants produced twenty five per cent of the crude steel production. As I told provisionally also, the mini-steel plants are having a capacity of 7.5 millions tonnes upto the year 1996-1997. With modernisation and expention I think the figure will come to 11 million tonnes by the year 1999-2000.

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[*Translation*]

Services Card to Telephone Subscribers

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*472. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have any proposal to provide service-card to all the tele phone subscribers to record the details of faulte in their and repair; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No. Sir. There is no proposal to provide service cards to all the telephone subscribers. However, fault cards of all the telephone subscribers are maintained in the respective exchanges. In most of the bigger exchanges, Fault Repair Service has been computers and the information about incidence of faults and their rectification is maintained in the computer.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATHI SHEELA GAUTAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, telephone subscribers have to face numerousdifficulties. For example, tele phones remain out of order half the time. Most often wrong numbers are connected. Bills for telephones which remain in order are excesively high and unfortunately these who possess S.T.D. facilities may have to pay bills for more than Rs. 10,000 per month. I would like to know from the Government as to what steps are being taken to deal with faulty bills. In reply to part (b) of my question the hon. Minister said that there was no proposal to provide service cards. Is there any proposal to discover a new technique for this? Secondly, he has also given the reply that the complaint book has been ketpt in the exchange. How many letters of complaint have been received, so far and on how many action has been taken?

MR. SPEAKER: The last question is not relevant.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The suggestion made by the hon. Member is very good. although I said that there is no such proposal but when she raised the question I thought a lot on it and accept that the consumer must have a card so that he is able to know that his telephone remained out of order for one or two days in a month and while loading a complnt in the exchange, he will be in a position to write it in his card. From that we will be able to know whether the complaint has been restored during a month or not. I resosarue the House and the hon. Member to make a begining keeping in view the technical feasibility for the purpose of implementingit. The suggestion made by her is very good.

Secondly, she has telked about fault repair, about connection of wrong numbers and fauly bills. We had started the work of fault repair. Everyone was given instructions that whenever there is complaint it should be looked into. It is correct that when the flutes figures me, I get a clean report. I keep telling the officials. At times, in reality so much work is not done as is shown in figures. That is why I have accepted her suggestion that when the consumers have the card and when the card is in the exchange as well, we shall be able to counter check whether the complaint has been registered or not hold somebody responsible for it. Today we are not able to accuse anyone. Suppose someone made a complaint at 198. But there is no proof whether it was registered or not. This suggestion will be of immense help to us. There has been some improve in fault repair and in last 3-4 months, we have been able to deal with 70-75% cases within 24 hours. The social audit panel has been set up on behalf of the department so that the complaints could arch officials If it does not make the desired impact, Justice Bhangwati, shri P.G. Dshmulh, a former cabinet Secreary, Air Marshall Sailt, Admital Chopra and Dr.

Bhaskar Rao, are traveling across the entire country in this connection. A report has come form from them in which they have reported that these has been some improvement in fault repair, but there is a need to organs open drabber in this regard and have greater interaction with subserbears. There is a need to bring more improvement. We are making more efforts. The last part of the question relates to bills. These complaints have come and we have decided for now onwards that whenever a subcriberss gets a bill like this, and he feels that it si not a corrent bill he may work out be average of last 6 months and deposit the amount. The for the balance amount he may rise a dispute which will be referred to the frievances redressal Cell In this case the telephone shall not be cut. But I have discussed a long term policy with a few people so that we may have correct bill. In that case some deficiency is seen with subscribers. The electronic exchange has S.T.D lock system. If people do not want to make S.T.D calls they may put lock on the S.T.D. But no one puts a lock. They go on making calls and when the bills come they think that the bill is exorbitant Both the sides are to be blamed for this Both will have to sit together to make and in improvement.

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reply made by the hon. Minister is quite satisfactory. My supplementary question is that the telephones which are allotted from the M.P. quota take a lot of time to be installed them and people have to run from pillar to post several times officials also demand money for this and due to this people do not want to instal them. The hon. Minister sanctions the connection. There is no trouble at his level but the officals of lower levels the people by going from house to house and saying that there is no capacity in the exchanges They make several excuses like this. Secondly, those who live in rented hous and want to shift to another house or to their own house, they have to face immense difficulties in getting their telephones shifted. Many such problems arise. What improvements will be made in these matters?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is correct that since the previous Government adopted the policy of out of turn allotment in the Parliament, problems have increased. It is correct that all of us had decided here that 15 connections should be given to an M.P. so that he may help his workers in his constituency or help some others, The Members of Parliament demand the this should not remain confeid to the constituency and it should be made available according to need. The next question pertains to this issue. I shall assure the house that if an hon. M.P. sends his recommendation and limits it to O.Y.T., there is no need to fix any quota. If they do so, we will sanction within three months as per their demand. Let us abolish the quota system. This is causing a lot of loss. An hon. M.P. writes to us that he has not made any recommendation? Someone else made a telephone call. A number of such cases are pending with the C.B.I. At places an F.I.R.S. are lodged with the police station. This is not good. At times Mps say that their signatures are being forged. By the time we make an inquiry into this 15 telephones are installed. Today the house should take a decision in this regard. (*Interruptions*) Hon. Members may send as many demands as they wish. I shall give instructions to C.G.M. when an hon. Member sends a recommendation for O.Y.T.

[*English*]

Within three months it will be implemented; it is an assurance, but no quota need be there. You can send any amount of demand to CGM.

[*Translation*]

If the house accepts this today that the quota system should be abolished and a limit for this (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: The quota system should be abolished. it is a very vexing thing. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also hold the view that the quota systems should end. But it has been noticed that non quota telephones are istlted much more quality than quota telephone .I would not like to hold any discussion regarding this

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in the House. Everyone knows about it that those who do not come under quota system are allotted telephones quite early.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know.

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Last month there was a heated discussion in the zero hour on fake telephone bills. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he will hold any enquiry by a parliamentary committee to examine the issue of fake bills presented to consumers who did not make calls.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as regards the first point of the hon. Member that telephone connections were given without quota also, I have said it myself in the House and I am still saying that such iregualrities are being committed. When this case was handed over to the C.B.I. an officer was caught in whose account a draft of Rs. 1 lakh is deposited for his purpsoe. He used to take money through draft, and the C.B.I,. is invetigating this caes. Now the tribal with me is, which I have mentioned is you because I have spoken my heart to you, that there are many letters of our colleagues, who disown the letters when they are exposed. Now whom should I blame for it? The problem is that the paper on which it is written is the letter paid of Lok Sabha and it bears the signatures of an hon. Member of the Lok Sabha. This is the trouble. If this august House agrees that the hon. Members can sent letters forconnections whatever number they wish, there is no quota limit and the Government sanctions all the applications sent by them. But it would be much better if this quoita is abolished. Secondly.

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: May I ask another question? first ,my question may be replied which is related to the previous scam.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: The question raised by the expected sister is regarding the shifting of the telephone. The Government has made a policy for telephone shifting. Previously in the event of any shifting, new telephone connection was needed. Previously if a consumer shifts from Delhi to Bombay, or Bangalore, or even from one place to the other in Delhi itself, the procedure was the same as is followed in case of new connections, this telephone could not be shifted to his new confections, his telephone could not be shifted to his new accommodation. But our Government has decided that if a subscriber has been owning a telephone for three years his telephone wil be shifted wherever he goes, so that he does not have any problem.

Your last point is related to the billing. As I said just now, the Government has decided in a short range that if a bill is issued after six months, it will be considered a disputed bill and an enquiry will be conducted. So far as the hon. Member are concerned, I half requested to Shri dighe and Shri Bhuvanesh Chaturvdi the latter being a Member of the Rajya Sabha, to look into this matter. After taking all the bills of the hon. Members, KI shall depot the officers to them who will point out mistakes that the have noticed. We shall set right those mistakes. For example, I would like to say one thing more that an hon. Member complained a that he had been given a telephone bill of Rs. 4 lakh. I too was surprised as to how an hon. Member of Parliament can be sent a bill of Rs. 4 lakh. Later on, it was found that he rooms an business export-import business. Therefore, he can be sent a bill of even more than Rs. 4 lakh. Since he owned six extensions, he should have informed the House regarding it. Since he owned six connections and he used to talk to foreign countries everyday, it is natural that the bill for Rs. one lakh will be issued. Thus, there are such cases also Therefore, one has to maintain the balance and examine it.

SHRI AYUB KHAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to ask the hon. Minister who is very dynamic and the country has too expections from him. At present, there is too many irregularity in telephones. Telephones, particularly in rural areas, remain out or order for any days, There is no system under which somebody can check such phones. There is no arrangement t repair these. Can the card system be applied to the rural areas? In order to prevent theft in

S.T.D. in the exchange and repkcement of Cables can a lock system be introduced, so that an officer or an employee is not able to commit any irregularity? May I know it from the hon. Minister?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as the telephone service eability in rural areas concerned, the telephone excchange have been instruced to examine every day whether the telephone on panchayat is in order or not, because the Panchayat is linked with the local exchange. But as I have told the House earlier also, I have undertaken this new work and certain lapses, costain teething problems will certainly be there in the beinning while providing telephone in each and every village. This should not be cons trued that the system will be set right completely. The same thing applies to the telephone connections and serviceability in villages. We started it in October last year. We welcomed all the suggestions which came to us and are applying it to improve the whole system.

So far as the card system is concerned, perhaps it is not required in villages because we are installing P.C.D. in villages. So far as the theft of S.T.D. calls is concerned, I have already told you that when I became a Minister of this department, I handed over the entire Department right from peon to Minster to the C.B.I. to look into it and wherever any theft is noticed, it should be informed to us and..

It is because of that 4 or 5 officres have been caught because the CB..I. keeps an eye on it properly. Recently, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as mentioned certain cases of Lucknow. We handed those cases to the C.B.I. that very evening and enquiry has been started this morning. At the most we can make maximum efforts to remove the lapses. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am pleased that the hon. Minister has taken this issue seriously and he is taking steps in this direction. The hon. Minister has given some information about an hon. Member and I have risen in the House and pointed out that I have received my telephone bill of Rs. 2 lakh 40 thousand. I am happy that probably the hon. Minister might have ordered an enquiry. But for your rind information, I would like to point out that two days earlier I received a letter expressing regret that the bill of such a huge amount was due to fault in the meter and the correct amount of may bill is Rs. 9000.

The S.T.D has lock system and my telephone No. is 3015249 lock system was installed in the month of January so that there would not be excess billing., I raised this issue and Government held investigation and then I got the bill of Rs. 9,000. But had there been somebody else in, place, how could he pay the extra amount of Rs. 2 lakh 30 thousand the I want to know the my action has been taken against the officer whose mistake resulted in wrong billing.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. speaker Sir, the hon. Member Shri Paswan may be speaking in the same manner as he does here, I will have to check whether the Bill of Rs. 9,000 is correct or that of Rs 2 lakh and 40 thousand is correct (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Earlier too, you said the same thing, but when we speak telephone, we relaise that out speech is costing money.(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker Sir, Shri Paswan's bill of Rs.9,000 is worth considering. Perhaps his Bill has been connected elsewhere also. I shall have to look into it (*interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It is all fun.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr., Speaker Sir, I will certainly get enquired .I will reveal wherever such irregularity is found sometimes technical problems appear in the Electronic Exchange. I will look into it and as I said that it is a short range policy, now we are trying to introduce a long range policy so that all these things may be et right. After formulating a short range policy I would introduce it in the House.

Fake Sanction of Telephones of Priosity Basis

*474. SHRIMATI KESHAR ABAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vigilance department whch made an inquiry into the out of turn allotment of fake telephone connections sanctioned prior to June, 1991 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the state-wise details of such fake sanctions inquired into; and

(c) the number of telephone connections santioned in Delhi during the said period and the number of telephone connections out of them still to be installed?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Vigilance Brancgh of the Department conducted a preliminary inquiry in to the fake sanctions for out of turn telephone connections and the case was subsequently handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for detailed investigation.

(b) On preliminary inquiry about 1193 sanctions have been found to be fake as per the State-wise beak up given below:

Hyderabad District	..	41
Gujarat Circle	..	21
Kamataka Circle	..	3
Madhya Pradesh	..	1
Rajasthan	..	38
U.P.	..	602
Haryana	..	70
Punjab	..	359
MTNL, Delhi	..	29
MTNL, Bombay	..	29

(c) 9,439 telephone connections were sanctioned on out of turn basis during the period 1.1.1991 to 30.6.1991 out of which 3,240 connections have not been installed.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR: Mr. Speaker Sir, who is responsible for sanctioning telephone connections in a wrong manner and what action the Government is taking against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Mr. Speaker Sir, we are trying to find out who is responsible.

MR. SPEAKER: And what action as been taken against them?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: When the hon. Member is asking I may inform her in clear terms. Mr. Speaker, Sir, firstly fake copies of telephone connections were prepared and sent to CGM. A CBI inquiry is going on into it . Some cases have been detected and we are making further efforts to fix responsibility (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Government consider the concellation of the fake telephone connections and sanction telephone connections turn by turn.

MR. SPEAKER: Please ask the questions again.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR: Will the Government consider the concellation of the fake telephone connection and sanction telephone connection turn by turn as also the number of telephone connections in Maharashtra sanctioned by turns and when will the Government all the applicants?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the cases that where recommended why the hon. nembers have all been connected. But the cases which were not recommded by the MP.'s have been keept pending. They are also been investigatd. So far as Maharsshtra is concerned, twenlty none connections were sanbctioned.

SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KASHIRSAGAR: If twenty nine connections ar sacntioned only in Bmbay, then now many in Mahrshtra?. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It contaioans the number of sanctioned connections in Mobay only, it does jot have the number of Mahrashtra..(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You mayinform her later..(*Interruptions*)

PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon. Minister has taken a decsion to constitute a committee to carry out checks whether calls at 197, 189 and 181 are attended to or not as people often have to make urgent calls to these services. Has the hon. Minister found out in that connittee as to times the number had been dialled and how many times respose was not given?

In rural areas written complatints have been made to the officials and you are saying that the complaints should be lodged with telephone exchanges and it should be noted down by the complaintant. Telephone exchanges are located at far of places, the person who has to make complaint, goes there. Such complaints have been made in writing. The employee of the small telephone exchange locks it and goes wherver to wants and comes after quiet some time. Somtimes the employee does not come back. I would like to know whether action would be taken against such employees?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as the committee is concerned, the Social Audit Panel has been entrusted with this job of the Advisory Committee that are constituted everywhere. They are not published much so that it is found find out through checks as to who is on 198, generally its purpose is defeated(*Interruptions*) The Social Audit Panel has been asked to nominate in its own way. The reality is that I myself dial 197 and 198 at night and when nobody attends to it, I give a call to C.G. H and say to him that nobody is attending to the telepohne at 197. (*Interruptions*)I do it myself whenever I get an opportunity. Secondly, he has said that the employees in villages go out after locking the exchanges. If there is any such complaint, I would get it investigated. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: The 197 service of Delhi Exchange has become grossly inefficient. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Your supplementary should come out of it.

SHRI ANBARASU ERA; Sir, my telephone bill for 1991-92 is to the tune of s. 1, 90, 000/- What I want to say is that as far as the inflated figures of telephone chargfes are concerned, it was brought to my notice that some operators in the Exccahgne have some tie-up with the big business houses; they oblige them. But these calls are not metered.

MR. SPEAKER: Why do you not meet the Minister in the Chamber?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ANBARASU ERA: To prevent this misuse by the operators, I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would find out any ways and means to check this.

Another thing is that if such inflacated bills are coming, we, the Members of Parliament are of course allowed to continue for some more time even though we do not pay it on time. But the common is asked to pay this before the last date otherwise his telephone is disconnected (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is man now going too off the mark. It is a question on Vigilance Department Inquiry into the out of turn allotment.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ANBARASU ERA: If the inflated bill is disputed by the common man, his telephone should not be disconnected till the dispute is settled. I would like to know whether the hon. Minister will give sutable direction to take action against such misuse of telephones.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I realise the concern of the entire House that there are some irregualarities in the bills of telephone subscribers. I have already said in my reply that I am making efforts. As the hon. Member has submitted, we have decided that the consumers should pay the average of the last six months of the bill is for rupees two lakh for the first month and rupees 500 each for the rest of the five months, then they should put it to dispute. I will come with a long range policy so that the irregularities in the bills could be removed, but it would take a little time.

MR. SPEAKER: I think some Members want to you take to if you can do something by talking to theme, please do. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed a number of supplymentaries asked on it, thought which were not relevant what else could I do? (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Our recommendation is that there should be total ban on the quota (*Interruptions*) it is very unfortunate...

MR. SPEAKER: Ifn you have any difficulty please...

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is a question Hour. Please do not make it a Discussion Hour.

(*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER: This is not going on record. What Shri Nitish Kumar is saying is not going no record.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: I feel this is very bad. If a member is a saying this, he must get up and say it...

MR. SPEAKER: That is not going on record.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It is not correct. He must withdraw that word. It is very heartening to note this. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It is not going on record. But if you speak this that will go on record.

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*Not recorded.

[*Translation*]

Post Office Facilties

*475. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any special scheme for providing postal facilties in hilly, inaccessible and desert areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked during the current year for post office buildings already under construction; and

(d) the district-wise number and categories of post offices in Rajasthan, at present?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The Government have formulated special norms for opening of Post office in hilly, incaccessible and desert areas. In this scheme a Post office can be opened if the population in the proposed village is at least 500 and the population to be served in the cluster of villages around it is 1000.

The anticipated income of the proposed Post Office should be at least equal to 15% of the cost of running the Post Office.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 21 crores for the entire country has been made for construction of post office buildings in 1992-93.

(d) The information is furnished in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise number of post offices of different categoaries in Rajasthan as on 31.7.92

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of H.O.'s	No. of DSO's	No. of EDSO's	No. of EDPO's
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Alwar	3	67	4	416
2.	Ajmer	4	103	6	313
3.	Baran	-	15	1	181
4.	Barmer	1	34	1	440
5.	Banswara	1	21	-	216
6.	Bharatpur	3	44	3	257
7.	Bhilwara	1	47	9	333
8.	Bikaner	1	42	4	154
9.	Bundi	1	20	-	150
10.	Chittorgarh	1	45	6	335
11.	Churu	2	49	3	331
12.	Dausa	1	22	-	161

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of H.O.'s	No. of DSO's	No. of EDSO's	No. of EDPO's
1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	Dholpur	2	30	2	252
14.	Dungarpur	1	28	-	240
15.	Jalore	1	25	2	221
16.	Jaipur	5	126	4	459
17.	Jhalawar	1	21	-	216*
18.	Jaisalmer	1	16	1	184
19.	Jhunjhunu	2	67	8	326
20.	Jodhpur	2	40	1	269
21.	Kota	2	45	1	142
22.	Nagaur	3	58	14	462
23.	Pali	2	58	5	312
24.	Rajsamand	1	22	3	189
25.	Sawai Madhopur	3	59	-	435
26.	Sikar	4	72	14	372

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of H.O.'s	No. of DSO's	No. of EDSO's	No. of EDPO's
1	2	3	4	5	6
27.	Sirohi	1	24	1	146
28.	Sriganganagar	2	62	2	486
29.	Tonk	1	24	3	192
30.	Udaipur	2	56	7	119

H.O. Head Post Office.

DSO Departmental Sub Post Office.

EDSO Extra Departmental Sub Post Office.

EDBO Extra Departmental Branch Post Office.

* As on 30/3/92. Ten more EDBO's were sanctioned on 31/3/92.

MR. SPEAKER: It is a very good question. Let there be relevant supplementaries. The question is about facilties in desert, hilly and inacssible areas.

[*Translation*]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to say that postal service is one of the main public services in India. There is a special need of this wide and public utility service in the villages and for off areas. There should be no business point of view as has been expressed in the reply. Let me try to explain.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Prof. you have to ask the question, instead of making others understood.

PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT: I would like to ask the Minister as to what new standards have been presecribed by the postal department the bason is is of the report presented by National Rural Area institutes Hyderabad and by Postal Service Merit Expert Committee constituted in 1989 to evaluate the Lostal programme run upto now and to prescribe appropriate standard for the opening of new post offices on the basis of which new post offices would be opened in the coming 5 years i.e. in the 8th Five Year plan and whether steps are being taken to impove the postal service and to make it effective in the rural areas and inaccessible areas and how many people in how many kilometre areas this postal service is provided and what concession will be given to hilly and inacessible areas under this programme.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): It is a fact that postal facility is very essential in the rural areas and we can communicate with those people through postal services. Both the committees submitted their report and on that basis I have fixed limit of 500 people in Delhi areas. Mr. Speaker, Sir, will you believe that earlier the post offices were opened in those areas which had a minimum population of 500 people. In Rajasthan where a village has 10 dhaniyan (hamlet) how each dhani can be provided a post office. I have suggested that the minmum population should be 500 and that post office may at least serve 1000 people. I have accepted the report and have given the instruction. so far as the second point is concerned Mr. Speaker, Sir, earlier permission was sought from Delhi to open a new post office. The permission was given through the Ministry. Now we have decentralised and have issued order to P.M.G. to open post office under these guidelines where he thinks proper and where people need it.

This third point is releated to the area. Earlier it was 5 km. it means, that there should not be any such place where there is no post office within 5 km. Now this area has been reduced to 3 km. Each area will have a post office within 3 km. Sir, otherise the people will become weak like urban people. In villages people are healthy they keep on moving. So. 3 km. distance is a must.

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my second question is whether the Governemnt is providing single window branch post office in hilly, inancessible and desert areas as is being done in other areas, Only a single employee will have to do all the work in much a post office. If so he many attendto the work of branch post master. mail distribution illegally postal department .The second part of may question is that plots were available for several post offices apart frrm the post offices under construction but they were will illegally occupied due to delay making available funds. Now these post offices are being rub in hired buldings. I this causing great in inconvenince to the customers. The employees have to face the probleims created by litigation and stay orders. What steps would the Government be taking in this regard?

SHRI REJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as the reply of first question is concerned there is a proposal which I would like yo present in the House. It has just that been said that the telephones remain out of order in the villages. It has a further problems that where we shopuld install the telephones in voillags Nobody stays in panchayat round the clock None is ther to manage and to keep an account of it. We shall have to pay all the Bills of P,C.O 's. A suggestion has been given that a post office should be opened in each panchayt and an unemployed yongman may look after the telephone. He should also sell stamps and othe5 postal materaial. He should be givn 20 per cent commission. This way each panchayat will have a post office and that person will have that telephones as P.C.O. The Government has received this suggestion but it will cause a financial burden. We are considering whether we can provide it at onces or not. The third issue is related to land. There was a dearth of funds. The Government had allocated Rs. 21 crore for buildings of postal service. As a result of which the construction wok on all plots could not be take up. It is true that such complaints have been received that plots are being occupied forcibly. But the Govenment is taking action on them and it will not allow illegal occupation of those plots.

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Mr. Speaker, Sir through you will like to know form the hon. Minister whether the Government is taking some firm steps for providing post office facility in adivasi and hill areas. I would also like to know whether the Government has given instructions to the superintendents., who are posted at district level to open post offices and P.C.O's in the rural areas and whether the superintendents work according to the instructions of the Government or acording to the demands of the people. I have been told that they have to open 25 post office and 25 P.C.Os every year. Even that is not implemented. Will the hon. Minister tell us soemthing in this regard?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, two things are most important in rural areas mail and money order. Today mail and money order reaches almost everybody in the village from cities where their children work. Keeping in view these two problems the Government is trying that the money order is delivered as early as possible. At some places it is delivered in 5-6 days and in Bihar it takes more than 10-15 days to deliver it. We are trying that the money order should reach the district headquater through fax and we hope that the day is not far when money order will be delivered within 24 hours to any part of the country. In this regard the Government has made some efforts and on an experimental basis we sent money orders through fax. We are collecting information whether it has been found technically feasible. Secondly, the hon. Member has raised a point about decentralisation. Recently in a meeting with the officers of the Department I myself suggested that there should be decentralisation because sometime the officers in the field recommend something but when they come back to the headquarter they reject the same, saying that this thing is not feasible. Therefore, we have decentralized it at many levels and empowered the postal department for the improvement in post and telegraph services. Now it will be implemented. Probably, the hon. Members is not aware of it but he Government has issued instructions to this effect. It takes one or two months before the results come. I shall try to implement them expeditiously.

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has said that a post office is generally opened for a population of 500 in the hill areas. The restriction of three kilometre for a post office in rural areas is too much. I would like to know whether the Government has received any suggestion for the areas where population is more. I think the criteria there should be per square kilometre instead of three kilometre radius for opening a post office. But in the case of Bihar, as the per square kilometre population is more as a result of which there is tremendous pressure one centre. Therefore, I would like to know from the Government whether it proposes to open more post offices in the areas where per square kilometre population is more.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It is true and at the time of taking a decision we keep in mind that the restriction of 3 km is not to be applied to the populated areas. The Government will automatically opens a post office in the areas where the population is above 3000. We are considering either the radius of 3 kms or the population which should be above 3000. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we need resources to open post offices. I want that post offices should be opend in each and every village but there are financial constraints. We have reduced the distance of radius from 5 kms to 3 kms and if the situation improves it will be reduced to 2 kms. Gradually we will do this.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the data of all districts of Rajasthan show that the extra departmental sub post offices and extra departmental branch post offices are the backbone of our postal service. For years I have been observing that the complaints of the extra departmental employees who are discharging such a tremendous responsibility is never looked into. They have a lot of complaints. Their salary is meagre and they do almost same work as the departmental employees but their scale of pay, services conditions and facilities are very little. Therefore, the are in a miserable plight. I would like as to what has the Ministry done in this regard?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the decision to appoint extra-departmental employees on part time basis was taken by the Government with a view to utilising the services of those citizens who can spare 2-3 hours so as to strengthen the network of the Department. Though with the time, the workload has increased and their remuneration also increased, yet they have some grievances. I myself had discussions with their delegation and it is being examined how their lost could be ameliorated. Now in addition to salary, Dearness Allowance is also being paid to them. Earlier they were not entitled to may facilities like Cycle, but now may a facility is being given to them. However, the Government is aware that they are the backbone of the Department and in rural areas the Department heavily depends on their services. It is the endeavour of the Government to provide maximum facilities to them.

SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Mr Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has given assurances about post offices in hilly areas in the House. About Himachal Pradesh I would like to submit that in Himachal, jurisdiction of panchayats varies between 12 to 20 kms, but he population is sparse. That's why people there do not get proper post and telegraph and telephone facilties. My constituency remains are snowbound for 3 moths in a year, when telephones remain out of order thereby disrupting all the telecommunication facilties and links. Therefore, I would like to know what is being done by the Government for proper maintenance of telephoners. installed by it in the post offices as it is a fact that none looks after them in Panchayat complexes in Himachal Pradesh. Besides this, whether the Government propose to relerax the 3 mile norm fixed for opening post offices in the case of Himachal Pradesh because in that State the jurisdiction of a Panchayat exceeds 3 miles. In Himachal Pradesh, even as per the population norm, post offices could not be opened. In this regard what are the views of the Government?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr Speaker, Sir, as the hon. Member has stated about hilly areas, I would like to submit that post offices will be opened in villages with a population of 500 and more and must also serve the populution of at least 1000 as per the formula. Three km. norm is not applicable to the hilly areas, but of the total expenses., 15 per cent must be met or out of the internal funds generated. These are the guidelines for hilly areas and 3 kms norm is not applicable to hilly areas.

[*English*]

DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is very heartening to note that the Government has formulated a special norm for the hilly areas. I want to tell the hon. Minister that simply having a special norm for the hilly areas will not ensure establishment of postal network in the hilly areas.

Now, in view of the very difficult terrain and very deficient postal network in the hilly areas of Assam in particular and North-East in general, I want to know from the hon. Minister as to whether the Government will fix a definite target for the current year that this number of post offices of different categories will be established in the hilly districts of Assam and other hilly areas oif Assam.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, North-East is one of the important parts of the country which is slightly in a difficult terrain. We have specially appointed task force for the North-East in the meeting. They are coming with their proposal. I have even told them to keep the guidelines in mind and see the necessity of the people. Whatever proposals come them, I assure the hon. Member that the Government will clear them on priority and see that the brothers and sisters of North-East get proper mail and proper communication facilties.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Dau Dayal Joshi. He comes from the desert area.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Sir, regarding the reply of the hon. Minister I would like to submit that at present the condition of buildings of post officer especially in the district headquarters is very bad. Yesterday I visited Bara, a distct headquarters, where the post office is housd in a very old building.

MR. SPEAKER: This question is regaling the post offices in hilly and desert areas.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Building of Bara district headquarters post office is in a dilalpidated condition and since a mention has been made regarding opening up of new post offices, this pertains to that only. Therefore, I would like to submit that the Government should pay attention to the renovation of the buildings of post offices, at least in the district headquarters. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAEKER: This question is about opening up of post offices in hilly and desert areas.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: I would like to submit that instead of opening new post offices will the Government renovate the buildings of existing post offices in district headquarters?

MR. SPEAKER: No, no. This question is not about post offices in districts, but is about Post offices in hilly and desert areas. If such questions are being put then I will disallow it.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am asking about Bara district which comes under desert area.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bara district is a newly formed district in Rajasthan. Orders have already been issued regarding setting up of a head post office in the district in the near future.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Definitions of Small, Medium and Big Newspapers/Periodicals

*473. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the definitions of small, medium and big newspapers/periodicals have been revised and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Press Council of India has approached the Government to amend the Press Council of India Act, 1978 incorporating the above changes;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government; and if not the reasons therefore?

(d) whether the Government are aware that small and medium newspapers/periodicals from Maharashtra State have been deprived of sales tax concessions due to the revised definitions having not been incorporated in the Press Council of India Act, 1978; and

(e) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS]: (a) Yes, Sir. As per the revised classification issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting small, medium and big newspapers/periodicals are classified as under:

Category	*Circulation per publishing day*
Small	up to 25,000 copies
Medium	above 25,000 copies and up to 75,000 copies
Big	above 75,000 copies

(b) to (e). The Press Council of India has approached the Government to amend the Press Council of India Act, 1978. The matter is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

Land Under Irrigation

*476 SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of agricultural land brought under irrigation till 1990 and the area of un-irrigated land in the country;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme to make permanent arrangement for irrigation of cultivable land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) As per the latest available Land Use Statistics for the year 1988-89 (Provisional), the net irrigated area in the country is 452 lakh hectares out of the total culturable area of 1847 lakh hectares. The remaining area is un-irrigated.

(b) and (c). A total of 263 major irrigation projects and 1104 medium irrigation projects have been taken up so far all over the country in addition to a large number of well/tube well irrigation works, tanks and other minor irrigation works. Out of these, 84 major projects and 778 medium projects have been completed so far. In addition, other measures taken are watershed development programmes and Command Area Development Programmes undertaken since 1974-75.

[*English*]

Telephone Exchanges In A. P.

*477. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether damages were caused to several telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during 1991 and 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof;

(c) whether these exchanges have since been repaired; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such losses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 34 telephone exchanges during the year 1991 and 6 telephone exchanges during the year 1992 were demaged by anti-social elements.

(c) Six telephone exchanges have been repaired.

(d) All the incidents have been reported to the police and all the cases were registered. The State Government has been requested for arranging proper police protection to telephone exchanges in the areas prone to such activities.

[*Translation*]

Telephones to Village Panchayats

*478. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether exchanges having capacity of more than two lakhs telephone lines are being purchased to achieve the target for providing telephones at village Panchyat level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the companies to which contract has been awarded and the amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. None of the individual exchange of capacity of more than two lakh lines is proposed to be purchased by the Department of Telecommunications at present. However, a tender has been floated to procure digital telephone exchange equipment having varying capacities ranging from 10,000 lines to 50,000 lines for metro cities and other telephone districts. These exchanges are meant to meet the general needs of major exchanges systems and not for rural telecommunications. The type of exchanges for rural telecommunication are small size of exchanges of 64 Ports, 128 Ports, 512 Ports, 1000 lines and 1400 lines. Rarely a telephone to a Panchayat level is expected to be connected to above exchanges proposed to be procured through this tender.

(b) Since the large size of exchanges as mentioned in (a) above are meant for bigger towns, no details in regard to their deployment for Gram Panchayat except when such Panchayat is located in the local area of large size exchange, is under consideration of department.

(c) No contract has yet been awarded against the tender enquiry for the proposed purchase of digital telephone exchange equipment of two lakhs lines. The amount of contracts would be known only after the validation of the technologies evaluation of tender bids and their acceptance.

[*English*]

Pilgrim Centres

*479. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of important pilgrim centers, State-wise;

(b) the estimated number of pilgrims

visiting each centre annually;

(c) whether the Union Government have any integrated action plan for providing adequate facilities in these centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The state-wise list of important pilgrim centres and the estimated number of pilgrims visitng those centres are not available.

(c) to (e). In pursuance of the National Action Plan for Tourism, a Committee has been constituted to formulate and monitor projects for development of selected pilgrim centres. The Committee has selected nineteen pilgrim centres and two pilgrim circuits.

Thermal Power Station in U.P.

*480. SHRI SHYAM LAL KAMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a thermal power station in Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Three thermal power stations, with a total capacity of 2440 MW, are being set up in eastern Uttar Pradesh. The details of these stations are:

	Name of the Project	Capacity	District
	STATE SECTOR:		
1.	Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project	2x500	Sonebhadra
2.	Tanda Thermal Power Project	4x110	Faizabad
	CENTRAL SECTOR		
3.	Rihand Super Thermal Power Station Stage -II	2x500	Sonebhadra

Irrigation Projects in U. P. and M. P.

*481. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the medium and major irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh which spilled over from the previous plan and are under execution now;

(b) whether the Seventh Plan Period was found to be inadequate by the State Governments for completion of these projects;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide more assistance to those states for completion of the projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDHYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). Details of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh under construction.

Sl.No.	Item	Madhya Pradesh		Uttar Pradesh	
		Major	Medium	Major	Medium
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Number of Projects Under Construction	22	32	25	10
2.	Latest estimated Cost. (Rs. crores)	5808	763	6530	176
3.	Expenditure upto end of VII Plan (Rs. crores)	1567	361	2344	54
4.	Expenditure to 3/91 (Rs. crores)	1633	405	2607	68
5.	Anticipated expenditure during 1991-92 (Rs. crores)	233	54	244	15
6.	Working Group's recommended outlay for VIII Plan (Rs. crores)	1639	225	2292	88
7.	Likely completion during VIII Plan (No. of projects)	12	32	16	7
8.	Likely to spill beyond VIII Plan (No. of Projects)	10	-	9	3
9.	Ultimate Irrigation petential (Thousand Hectares)	2099	231	4528	56

Sl.No.	Item	Madhya Pradesh		Uttar Pradesh	
		Major	Medium	Major	Medium
1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Potential created upto 3/91 (Thousand hectares)	423	48	1617	15
11.	Likely achievement for 1991-92 (Thousand hectares)	50	19	115	4

Note: While none of the above projects is receiving special central assistance, it has ben decided to rigorously follow earmarking of outlays for Irrigation Projects in States.

National Perspective Plan on Inter-Basin Water Transfer

*482. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have proposed a national perspective plan to provide large scale inter-basin water transfer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria fixed for evaluation of water transfer from different inter basins?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). a National Perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by the Government envisages inter-linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich basin to water deficit basin, for optimum utilisation of water resources.

(c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under the Ministry of Water Resources has been entrusted the work of firming up these proposals. It undertakes water balance studies to determine quantum of water available for transfer after meeting reasonable needs of the originating basin in the foreseeable future. Thereafter, techno-economic feasibility is assessed for the different components of the water transfer links.

Manganese Ore

*483. SHRI RAMACHANDRA GHANGARE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of manganese ore in the country during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of manganese utilised in the country and exported during the same period;

(c) whether there has been successive decrease in the production and exports of manganese ore;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase its production and export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The Production of manganese ore, quantity utilised in the country and exported during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are indicated below:

(Quantity - in lakh tonnes,

		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1.	Production	14.57	13.88*	14.67*
2.	Quantity utilised in the country	11.82	12.51*	13.23*
3.	Exports	3.83	2.95	2.60*

* Provisional.

Note: The Quantity utilised in the country and exports are more than the production reported due to stocks available.

(c) As may be seen from the details given above, the production of manganese ore has increased during 1991-92. There has been however, a decrease in exports.

(d) Government policy aims at conserving the high grade ores for use by the domestic industry, and accordingly, only limited quantities of relatively inferior grades of manganese ore are permitted for exports. International demand of manganese ore in general has also declined in view of recessionary trend in world crude steel production which in trun has affected exports.

(e) With a view to increase domestic production of manganese ore, the Indian Bureau of Mines has taken up regular inspection of the mines to enforce systematic development of mines and higher recovery of production.

Accredited Private T.V. News Agencies

*484. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private TV news agencies accredited by the Press Information Bureau;

(b) the criteria adopted in this regard;

(c) whether all these agencies are observing the above criteria; and

(d) if not, the action taken against each such agency?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) In all 18 Television News Agencies are accredited by Press Information Bureau (PIB). The details of these news agencies are as follows:

1. M/s. Asian Films TV News Agency, New Delhi
2. M/s. Bedi Films TV News Agency, New Delhi
3. M/s. Cine India International TV news Agency, New Delhi
4. M/s. Press Trust of India TV News Agency, New Delhi
5. M/s. Asian News International TV News Agency, New Delhi
6. M/s. Spot Films TV News Agency, New Delhi
7. M/s. Television News and Feature Agency, New Delhi
8. M/s. Television News India TV News Agency, New Delhi
9. M/s. Ved Films TV News Agency, New Delhi
10. M/s. German Radio and Television, West Germany
11. M/s. Independent Television, London
12. M/s. Worldwide Television News (WTN), London
13. M/s.. Visnews International Television News Agency, London
14. M/s. Eco-Televisa, Mexico
15. M/s. American Broadcasting Company, TV News Agency, New York
16. M/s. Columbia Broadcasting Service, Television News Agency, Japan.
17. M/s. European Television Service (GMBH), West Germany
18. M/s. German Television Network (ARD) FRG.

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(b) The following criteria are adopted:

(i) the contents of the items circulated/produced by agencies should include news and information emanating from the headquarters of Government of India.

(ii) A Television Organisation should have a minimum of six paying subscribers and a minimum subscription income of Rs. 50,000/- from news media organisation as certified by an estimated firm of Chartered Accountants.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines Sales Agents

*485. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines authorities are allowing its sales agents to compete with its own reservation offices;

(b) if so, the financial losses suffered annually on this account;

(c) whether this practice is under review by the Indian Airlines management; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such competition.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Saving of Land from Water Logging

*486. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI N. K. BALIYAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes submitted by the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar pradesh and Bihar to the Union Government to tackle the problem of water logging, State-wise;

(b) the estimated cost of the schemes;

(c) whether the Union Government have approved these schemes; and

(d) if so, the amount earmarked to each State to implement these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The State Governments of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh only had submitted proposals to Union Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Agriculture for tackling the problem of water logging in 1500 hectares and 872 hectares with estimated costs of Rs. 926 lakh and 6.02 lakh respectively.

(c) and (d). A Centrally sponsored scheme for tackling the problem soils/degraded areas including protection and development of water logged areas was considered. However, after review in connection with the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) it was decided that concerned State Governments should take up appropriate programme under the State Sector depending upon the magnitude and extent of the problem.

Children Films

*487. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children films telecast on Delhi Doordarshan during the last two years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to

telecast more children films; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Eighteen.

(b) and (c). It is Doordarshan's constant endevour to telecast sufficient number of Children's films.

Latest Steel Technology

*488. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindu dated July 15, 1992 regarding offer of latest steel technology of private Indian steel manufactures;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether this technology is ideal for small steel plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the outcome of talks held recently in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e). The technology referred to in the News item appearing in Hindu, dated July15, 1992 relates to COREX process which is an alternative technology for production of not metal/pig iron using non coking coal bypassing the conventional coke even Blast Furnace route. This technology is owned by M/s. Voest Alphine (VAI), Austria. The first plant based on COREX technology, with a capacity of 3 lakh tonnes per annum, has been operating in South Africa for the last 2 years. This technology is however yet to be tried elsewhere.

The pig iron industry is de-licensed and also qualifies for automatic approval from Reserve Bank of India for foreign collaboration agreement and foreign equity investment under certain conditions. Approval of Government of India would be required, only when these conditions are not fully met. So far, it is only M/s. Powmex Ispat Limited, Hyderabad who have intimated that they have signed an MOU with M/S. Voest Alphine (VAI), Austria for adoption of COREX technology for production of pig iron.

The advantages of COREX process as reported, appear to be true, however, it must be added that the COREX process requires a very selective grade of non-coking coal and most of the Indian non-coking coal, as it is, do not meet these requirements. It may therefore, become necessary to mix it with coke breeze or imported low ash-low volatile coal. To that extent, it may not eliminate import requirement.

The COREX process uses large quantity of oxygen. The Oxygen making is a highly power intensive process and requires high capital investment. The COREX process also produces large quantity of surplus fuel gas which have to be utilised economically so as to make this process viable.

Export of Iron Ore Fines

*489. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been exporting iron ore fines;

(b) if so, since when and the details or iron ore fines exported;

(c) the names of the mines from where iron ore fines are being exported; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Since 1991-92.

During the year 1991-92, 46,000 tonnes of iron ore fines were exported by Steel Authority of India Limited through Minerals and metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) to China. In the current year around 12,000 tonnes or iron ore has been exported, so far.

(c) Iron Ore fines are being exported from Gua iron ore mine of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO,) a subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Limited.

(d) Export of iron ore is canalised through M.M.T.C. No foreign exchange is earned by Steel Authority of India Ltd.

Earth Stations for Telecom

*490. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to permit public and private sector units to set up their own captive satellite communication network;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions and tariff structure for such network; and

(c) the role of the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) in the matter of ownership, installation maintenance and operation of the earth stations needed for such network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

The public and private sector units are being permitted to set up their own captive satellite Business Communication Network through INSAT system with the prior approval of the Ministry of Communication on a case by case basis.

(b) The salient terms and conditions and the present tariff structure for INSAT -I satellite captive networks are given in the attached statement - I and is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The present role of Department of Telecommunications (DOT) in the matter of ownership, installation, maintenance and operation of the earth stations needed for captive satellite communication network is broadly given in the attached statement -II is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement - I

Broad Guide Lines for Captive Satellite Communication Through INSAT I

DOT adopts full flexibility regarding the ownership, installation, maintenance and operation of the earth station needed for dedicated use of the prospective owners. Such earth stations may be-

(a) Owned, installed, operated and maintained by DOT

(b) Owned by the user but installed, operated and maintained by the DOT.

(c) Owned by the user, but installed by the DOT and thereafter operated and maintained by the user.

(d) Owned, installed, operated and maintained by the user.

2. *General Terms and Conditions*

The operation and maintenance of the Earth Station by the users will be subject to the following terms:-

(a) Circuits derived from such earth stations are not provided access to the Public Switched Network of DOT as per present Indian Telegraph Rules.

(b) The user shall at all times, conform to the requirements and instructions of Network Operation and Control Centre (NOCC) of DOT.

(c) Abiding by the provision of the Indian Telegraph Act in case of any dispute/unidentified areas.

(d) DOT reserves the right to

- reduce the space segment capacity in the public interest in certain exigencies;
- take over the operation and maintenance of the earth stations in the public interest in certain exigencies;
- visit or inspect the installations at any time and
- utilise the facility with suitable augmentation in public interest.

(e) Payment of suitable licence fee to the DOT.

(f) Payment of charges towards the space segment and any other charges prescribed by the DOT.

3. *Tariff for Captive Network (INSAT - I Satellite Based) at Present:*

A. Privately owned earth stations working with Departmental earth stations:

In this case uplink and/or down link to each DOT Earth Station working with the privately owned Earth Stations will be chargeable to the party.

In addition, the user will pay the space segment charges depending upon the type of conductivity of the earth stations.

The scale of charges for different services are as below:-

(i) For CFM-SCPC type of voice grade circuit for voice application (*Bandwidth 3.1. KHz*)

(a) For each uplink or each downlink at DOT earth station, user has to pay at the rate of Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum.

(b) User will pay the space segment charges for one circuit (both way) depending upon the type of connectivity between the earth stations as given below:-

Sl. No.	*Link*	*Charges*
1.	Between 'A' to 'A' earth stations	Rs. 60,000 p.a.
2.	Between 'A' to 'B' earth stations	Rs. 70,000 p.a.
3.	Between 'A' to 'C' earth stations	Rs. 80,000 p. a
4.	Between 'B' to 'B' earth stations	Rs. 85,000 p.a.
5.	Between 'B' to 'C' earth stations	Rs. 90,000 p.a.
6.	Between 'C' to 'C' earth stations	Rs. 1,20,000 p.a.

(ii) *CFM- SCPC circuits for lower Data Rates supported on Voice grade circuits without voice activation:*

(a) Each uplink or each downlink at DOT earth station shall be charged at 1.25 times the charge in A (i) (a) above.

(b) Space segment charge for each circuit (both way) shall be 2.5 times those in para A (i) b above accordingly to the type of earth stations between which the same is provided.

(iii) *PCM -PSK-SCPC for voice and Data upto bit rate 64 Kbps:*

(a) Charge for each uplink or earth downlink at DOT earth station shall be 3 times of the charges as specified in A (i) (a).

(b) Space segment charges for each circuit (both ways) shall be 7.5 times of those in para A (i) b according to the type of earth stations between which the same is provided.

B. Charges for operating and maintenance by DOT of the privately owned earth stations:

In addition to the charges for services prescribed for leasing space segments, if a privately owned earth station is required to be maintained and operated by DOT, an additional charge of Rs. 10% of the cost of all assests, maintained and operated by DOT for each location shall be payable by the user.

Note:- Type - A = Figures of Merit of Earth Station> 31.7 dB/ K

Type - B + Figures of Merit of Earth Station> 25.7 dB/K

Type - C = Figures of Merit of Earth Station> 19.7 dB /K

Statement -II

Even though the users may be permitted to plan, instal and maintain the Satellite based networks depending upon the infrastructure available with them. DOT will still be concerned with the following functions for which suitable charges will be identified by DOT separately:-

(a) Overall scrutiny of the system engineering including equipment specification.

(b) Configuration and access approval from INSAT Coordination Committee of Secretaries (ICC).

(c) Allocation of space segment.

(d) Mandatory testing of the new earth stations including antenna radiation pattern.

(e) Control and supervision through Network Operation Control Centre (NOCC) during operation.

(f) Overview of performance for Monthly Information System (MIS) information.

(g) Record and analysis of Performance parameters.

(h) Training of manpower (optional)·

(i) Visits or Inspections of installations during operation as required by DOT.

(j) Licencing of the installations.

(Approval from Standing Advisory Committee for Frequently Allocation (SACFA) will be obtained directly by the user).

Presentation to SC/ST in Service and Posts

4914. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been provided in the services and posts under the control of his ministry in-cluding its attached/subordinate offices in accordance with the orders issued by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Electricity Development Charges by DESU

4915. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU is taking electricity development charges twice, once at the time of initiating the scheme for electrifying the area and again at the time of sanctioning permanent connections in colonies to which town planners have already issued N.O.C.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). the electrification scheme for eligible unauthorised/regularised colonies are released by DESU on payment of requisite development charges only by 25% plot holders. As per the policy of DES, the development charges at the prevailing rates are payable by all prospective consumers at the time of applying for grant of individual electric connections irrespective of the date of electrification of the colony. In the case of applicants who had deposited development charges at old rates, only the difference between the old and revised is recovered, except where the applications complete in all respects were received by DESU prior to the date of revision of development charges.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) of the Question above.

Representation of SC/ST in Services

4916. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:
SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been provided in various services and posts under the control of his ministry and the posts filled in accordance with the orders issued by the Government;

(b) whether there is any different between the targeted percentage of reservation and the actual representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various services and posts in his ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE *MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND*

BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Industry Status to Tourism

4917. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided by the Government for development of tourism after declaring the policy to give it the status of an industry; and

(b) the States where such facilities have been provided?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The facilities and incentives being by the Central Government for the development of tourism include exemption from income tax on foreign exchange earning, exemption from expenditure tax and 50% of income tax for a period of 10 years for hotels constructed in rural, hilly and other specified areas, reduced custom duty on adventure sports equipments, liberalised policy on charterflights setting up of a Tourism Finance Corporation for meeting the loan requirements of tourist industry etc.

(b) These incentives are available in all the States of the country.

[*English*]

Development of Kamakhya, Guwahati as Tourist Spot

4918. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to develop Kamakhya near Guwahati as a tourist spot under the National Tourism Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to relax the restricted area permit for foreign tourist to visit state; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 7.78 ;lakhs was sanctioned by the Central Government during 1991-92 for the upon action on facilities at Kamakhya temple. Kamakhya has also been identified as a centre for the development of pilgrim tourism by a committee constituted by the Central Government in pursuance of National Action Plan.

(c) and (d). Proposals received for relaxing the Restricted Area Permit for individual and groups visiting Assam are being considered by the Government.

Regularisation of Casual Workers in Doordarshan

4919. SHRI DHARMA BHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Administration Tribunal has directed the Doordarshan that services of all the casual workers working as Floor Assistant, Production Assistant, Lighting Assistant, Make up Assistant, General Assistant etc, may be regularised; and

(b) if so, the action taken for its implementation in each category?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A scheme for regularisation of a Casual Artists in Doordarshan has already been framed by the Government in pursurance of the directions given by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi. Action has also been initiated by the concerned authorities for completion of the regularisations process in a time-bound manner.

Grounding of A -320

4920. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 out of a total of 18 airbus A- 320 aircrafts with the Indian Airlines were grounded for lack of spares in June, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether due to the grounding of Airbus A-320 aircrafts several Indian Airlines flights were either cancelled or rescheduled;

(d) if so, the details of the flights cancelled rescheduled; and

(e) the remedial action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). During June 1992, two Airbus A- 320 aircraft remained on ground, not simultaneously, but in a sequential order, for scheduled major maintenance checks.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

International Response Postal Coupons

4921. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that International Response Postal Coupons are exchanged only at a few of the main post offices in Delhi and elsewhere;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that these coupons are being honoured in Delhi only at Parliament Street and not at other places;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to ensure that these coupons are honoured at any of the post offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e). All Head Post Offices and Department Sub Post Offices in the country are required to provide facilities for the exchange of International Reply Coupons. In Delhi, however, until recently, International Reply Coupons were being exchanged in 12 post officers listed in the attached statement Instructions have since been reiterated for exchange of International Reply Coupons at all Head Post Offices and Departmental Sub Post Offices in Delhi

STATEMENT

Sl.No	Name of HO/SO	Status
1	2	3
1.	Parliament Street	HO
2.	Sarojini Nagar	HO
3.	New Delhi	GPO
4.	Delhi GPO	HO
5.	Inderprastha	HO
6.	Ramesh Nagar	HO
7.	Lodi Road	HO
8.	Ashok Vihar	HO
10.	Lajpat Nagar	SO
11.	Connaught Place	SO
12.	Eastern Court	SO

Production of Chrome Ore in Orissa

4922. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has proposed a project for U.N.D.P. assistance for the production of chrome ore from deeper horizons in Sukinda valley with appropriate environmental protection measures;

(b) if so, since when it is pending for clearance and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is pending for clearance since 1989 because of the following reasons:-

(i) Concurrence of Government of Orissa to find the estimated counter-part cost of Rs. 50,50,000 for the U.N.D.P. assisted project was received only in December, 1991.

(ii) As per the procedure laid down for U.N. D.P. clearance concurrence of various agencies namely, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Electronics, Planning Commission and D.G.T.D. had to be obtained.

(c) The project is presently under the consideration of Ministry of Finance and U.N.D.P. for their approval of the UNDP contribution cost of US $ 5,25,000. U.N.D.P. and UNDTCD have examined the project and have proposed to field the Project Development and Formulation (PDF) Mission to re-formulate the project document. The clearance of this project from U.N.D.P. is held for want of the study to be carried out by PDF Mission and the result thereof.

Population Coverage by Doordarshan in Kangra and Chamba Districts of Himachal Pradesh

4923. MAJOR D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population covered by Doordarshan in Kangra and Chamba districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of the plans drawn up to increase the coverage in these districts; and

(c) the year-wise plan to bring the coverage to 90% of the population in the above districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). At present, an estimated 35% and 11% population of the districts of Kangra and Chamba respectively are expected to be covered by TV service. These coverage figures are inclusive of population in fringe areas where elevated antennae and boosters are required to obtain satisfactory TV reception. However, the TV service in the district of Kangra is expected to improve on the commissioning of a very low power TV transmitter under implementation at palampur. It is also envisaged to replace the existing low power TV transmitter by a high power TV transmitter at Dharamshala subject to availability of adequate resources and inter-se priorities. On implementation of this transmitter project', the service in these districts is expected to improve considerably.

Import of Coking Coal by Sail

4924. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel authority of India proposes to sign a long term contract with Australia for the purchase of coking coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Steel Authority of India Limited has issued a global tender for supply of 2 million tonnes of coking coal (with an optional quantity of 1 million tonnes) per year for a period a of 5 years from October, 1992. Finalisation of the contract will depend upon the response to the tender.

[*Translation*]

S.T.D. Link in U.P. with State Capital

4925. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the cities in Uttar Pradesh which have not been linked at present with the State Capital by S.T.D.;

(b) whether the government propose to provide this facility during 1992-93;

(c) if so, the details thereof'; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Amroha, Haldwani -cum- Kathgodam.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Both Amroha and Haldwani -cum- Kathgodam are planned to be linked by STD during 1993.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Investment by ITDC in New Projects

4926 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made by the ITDC on new projects during the last three years and the quantum of foreign exchange spent on these projects; and

(b) the total foreign exchange earnings of the ITDC during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) I.T.D.C. has not undertaken any new project during the last three years.

(b) The information is given below:-

Year	*Foreign Exchange Earnings* (*Rs. in lakhs*)
1989-90	2,888.60
1990-91	3,353.24
1991-92 (Provisional)	4,322.51

Flight Between Delhi and Bagdogra

4927. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal for

introducing daily flight between Delhi and Bagdogra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Due to capacity constraints Indian Airlines has no plan to introduce a daily flight between Delhi and Bagdogra.

REC In A. P.

4928. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked under rural electrification to Andhra Pradesh during the current year and the last two years;

(b) the number of agricultural pump sets energised during each of the last two years; and the number of agricultural pump sets proposed to be energised during the current year;

(c) the reasons for reduction in this programme;

(d) whether the Government propose to enhance the targets under rural electrification programmes in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The amount earmarked under Rural Electrification Programme to Andhra Pradesh during the current year and the last two years are as under:-

Year	*Amount in Crores*
1992-93	Rs. 27.65
1991-92	Rs. 30.96
1990-91	Rs. 54.70

(b) As per available information, Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has reported energisation of 81,794 and 80,609 pumpsets during the last two years i.e. 1990-91 and 1991-92. It is proposed to energise 10,820 pumpsets in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year.

(c) to (e). The targets for rural electrification including energisation of pumpsets are fixed by the planning Commission in consultation with the concerned State Electricity Board, having regard to factors such as the proposals submitted by the various State Government/ Electricity Boards, overall availability of resources etc. Due to resource constraints, it is not possible to enhance the allocation and targets under rural electrification programme for Andhra Pradesh, at present.

[*Translation*]

New Open Sky Policy

4929. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVI SINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether operating -permit under the new open sky policy is required to be renewed every year;

(b) if so whether the policy did not receive good response in view of the complexities of rules and necessity of renewal every year;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to simplify the rules and to fix a revised time span for renewal to five or ten years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). The term "open sky policy" relates to cargo flights ex-India only. This is on a permanent basis. The cargo flights ex-India are permitted on flight to flight basis excepting scheduled operators. No permit is issued for this purpose.

[*English*]

Most Popular T.V. Serials

4930. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of five such T.V. serials telecasts by the Doordarshan during the last three years which received top most popularity and also provided more income to the Government; and

(b) the details of the income earned by Government from these five serials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The details are as follows.

Sl.No	*Name of the Serial*	*Revenue earned (Rs.)*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Mahabharat	59,75,00,000/-
2.	Sword of Tipu Sulatan	19,54,55,000/-
3.	Chanakya	12,44,75,000/-
4.	Gul Gulshan Gulfam	9,13,60,000/-
5.	Mrigyanaini	6,52,85,000/-

ITDC Hotels in Bihar

4931. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) hotels constructed in Bihar during the last 3 years till date;

(b) if so, whether the present number of hotels are sufficient to meet the growing demand of tourist in the State; and

(c) if not the steps taken by the Government for the construction of more ITDC hotels in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No new hotels has been set up by the ITDC in Bihar during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Development of tourism including augmentation of accommodation facilities is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government extends financial assistance on specific projects depend upon their merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds. At present, no proposal to set up a new hotel by ITDC, is under consideration of the Central Government in the State of Bihar.

Post Offices in West Bengal

4932. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Post Offices in West Bengal as on March 31, 1992;

(b) the district-wise number of villages in West Bengal without post offices as on March 31, 1992; and

(c) the number of post offices to be opened during the current year and the locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) the district-wise number of post offices in West Bengal as on march, 31, 1992 is given at enclosed statement -I

(b) the district-wise number of villages in West Bengal without post offices as on march 31, 1992 is given at enclosed statement -II

(c) While it is proposed to open 60 branch post offices and 10 departmental sub post offices in West Bengal during the year 1992-93. It is not feasible to give the exact locations of the proposed post offices as these are decided case by case on examination of each proposal with regard to the population, distance and income norms prescribed in this regard.

STATEMENT - I

District-Wise No. Of Post Offices In West Bengal Circle As On 31.3.92

Sl.No 1	Name of District 2	No. of Post Offices 3
1.	Calcutta	253
2.	North 24 Parganas	607
3.	South 24 Parganas	754
4.	Purulia	526
5.	Midnapore	1365
6.	Howrah	339
7.	Hooghly	497
8.	Bankura	469
9.	Nadia	446
10.	Burdwan	749
11.	Birbhum	448
12.	Murshidabad	536

Sl.No	Name of District	No. of Post Offices
1	2	3
13.	Malda	307
14.	West Dinajpur	341
15.	Cooach-Behar	325
16.	Darjeeling	183
17.	Jalpaiguri	277
18.	A & N Islands (U.T)	97
	(Sikkim State)	
19.	East District	86
20.	West District	24
21.	North District	18
22.	South District	40
	Total	8687

STATEMENT -II

District-wise No. of villages with and without Post Offices as on 31.3.92

Sl.No	*Name of District*	*Villages with Post Offices*	*Villages without Post Offices*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Calcutta	Nill	Nill
2.	North 24 Parganas	533	857
3.	South 24 Parganas	705	1392
4.	Purulia	497	2067
5.	Midnapore	1269	10019
6.	Howrah	273	535
7.	Hooghly	418	1527
8.	Bankura	413	3271
9.	Nadia	367	1023
10.	Burdwan	653	2157
11.	Birbhum	423	2123
12.	Murshidabad	498	1659

Sl.No	Name of District	Villages with Post Offices	Villages without Post Offices
1	2	3	4
13.	Malda	289	1464
14.	West Dinajpur	313	729
15.	Coach-Behar	287	897
16.	Darjeeling	168	503
17.	Jalpaiguri	246	483
18.	A & N Islands (U.T)	68	434
	(Sikkim State)		
19.	East District	39	40
20.	West District	29	94
21.	North District	22	49
22.	South District	34	98
	Total	7574	31421

[*Translations*]

Incidents of Bomb Blast at Doordarshan/Air Stations

4933. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Doordarshan Kendras and AIR Stations where incidents of bomb-explosion occurred during the last three years;

(b) the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of Doordarshan Kendras and Radio Stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The details are given in the statement attached.

(c) Steps being taken include tightening of security of installations and of personnel. deployment of CRPF/BSF in AIR/Doordarshan centres in the States of Punjab and J & K and periodical review of the existing security arrangements at the installations.

STATEMENT

Details of bomb blast occured in Doordarshan/AIR Stations during the last three years.

Sl.No	*Date*	*Doordarshan/AIR Centre*	*Incident/loss suffered*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	Doordarshan		
1.	1.11.90	Doordarshan kendra, Srinagar	Bomb exploded in the toilet sharing wall with the telephone exchange. The Telephone operator suffered minor injury.
2.	4.02.92	Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar	Bomb blast occured near the studio wall causing damage to the temporary wooden wall and false ceiling.
3.	23/24.5.92	LPTV, Kumbakonam Tamil Nadu	A bom planted on the airconditioner in the transmitter window exploded causing damage too the window air-conditioner, few glass panes and tube lights sfittings etc.
	All India Radio		
1.	17.9.90	All India Radio Jabalpur	Two country made bombs were thrown inside the compound of AIR, Jabalpur of which only one exploded. No loss/damage was caused.
2.	27.9.90	All India Radio Varnasi	Two country-made bombs exploded outside\ AIR, Varanasi causing damage to the perimeter fencing.
3.	17.11.90	AIR transmitter at	Rockets were fired at AIR transmitter

Sl.No	Date	Doordarshan/AIR Centre	Incident/loss suffered.
1	2	3	4
		Pampur, Srinagar.	causing minor damage to the wall of transmitter building.
4.	4.11.91	AIR transmitter at Narbal, Srinagar.	Rockets were fired at AIR transmitter aimed at the mast, which missed the target but caused minor damage too the transmitter wall.
5.	25.1.92	AIR Transmitter Narbal, Srinagar.	Rockets were fired at the AIR, transmitter. The security fencing was slightly damaged.
6.	10.5.92	AIR, Rajbagh transmitter, Srinager.	A stick grenade was thrown into the compound causing minor damage to ti sheet ecompassing the transmitter building.

[*English*]

Telecast of Onam - Festival of Kerala

4934. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'ONAM' the Festival of Kerala will be given due publicity in the national network; this year; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A composite programmes on that occasion is scheduled to be telecast in the National Network of Doordarshan.

Expansion of Trivandrum Doordarshan/ Air Station

4935. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plans for the expansion, modification and development of Trivandrum Doodarshan and All India Radio during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the total amount allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATIION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). the Eighth Plan schemes Doordarshan/All India Radio are yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Raw Material for Foundries

4936. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundries registered with the Director General of Technical Development (D.G.T.D.) have been affected due to shortage of raw material as a result of decontrol of steel;

(b) If so, the details of foundries affected, including the number of employees and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether irregularities have been noticed in the distribution of fixed quota of pig iron by the three major steel manufacture undertakings; and

(d) If so, the effective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The decontrol or iron and steel on 16.1.1992 has not affected the foundry units including those registered with the Director General of Technical Development. However, there is an overall shortage of pig iron in the country. As against the total estimated demand of 1.92 million tonnes in 1991-92, the production was 1.59 million tonnes. To enable pig iron user industries to meet their full requirements, pig iron has been made freely importable. Import duty on pig iron has also been reduced from 55% to 35% w.e.f. 16.1.1992. Government have also taken steps to encourage production of pig iron in the private sector.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Yamuna Nagar Thermal Plant

4937. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Yamuna Nagar

Thermal Power Project of NIPC;

(b) whether the Government propose to place the orders to BHEL and ABL for the equipments;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to make any long term plan for resource mobilisation internally to avail indigenous equipment; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e). The Ymunanagar Thermal Power Plant (4x210 MW) proposed to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NIPC) was techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in October, 1988 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1259.80 crores. The revised cost of the project amounting to Rs. 2198.15 crores based on domestic funding has also been cleared by the CEA in June, 1992. The project will require investment approval after sources of funding are tied up. Orders for indigenous equipment can be considered only after the tying up of funds.

Telephone Facility In Post Offices In Kerala

4938. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post offices/sub-post offices in Kerala without public telephone facility;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide this facility in all Post Offices (1) Sub-Post offices;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of post offices/sub post offices in Kerala without PCOs facility is as under.

Head Post Offices	*Depttl. Sub Post Offices*	*Extra Depttl. Sub Offices*	*Extra Depttl. Branch Post Offices*
11	304	45	2635

(b) to (d). No, Sir. There is no separate plan to provide telephone facility in all the Post Offices. Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all cities, towns and Panchyats Villages progressively by 31.3.95 subject to availability of resources. The Post Office is one of the suggested locations for installation of such telephones.

[*Translation*]

T.V. Relay Centre at Gumla and Lohardaga in Bihar

4939. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T V. relay centres at Gumla and Lohardaga districts in Bihar are under construction;

(b) if so, the present stage of their construction; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The projects for the establishment of low power TV transmitters at Lohardaga and Gumla are under various stages of implementation at present. Orders for the supply of equipment for these transmitters have already been placed and buildings for housing the transmitters at these places identified. As per the present indications, the transmitters at Lohardaga and Gumla are expected to be commissioned into service during 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

[*English*]

Flights from Bombay to Nairobi

4940. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has proposed that one of the three weekly flights from Bombay to Nairobi should originate from Ahmedabad.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government of Gujarat had requested for a direct flight on Ahmedabad -Nairobi -Ahmedabad route.

(c) On commercial consideration, it is not feasible to introduce the flight at this stage.

T.V. Relay Centre at Jalna

4941. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received for setting up of AIR Station and strengthening of the existing T.V. relay centre at Jalna which is commercial centre of Marathwada region in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Jaina district is at present well covered by Radio. There is no proposal to set up a separate radio station at Jalna.

As regards TV service, besides the low power TV transmitter functioning at Jalna, substantial parts of Jalna district receive TV coverage from the high power transmitter at Aurangabad. There is no proposal to strengthen the existing low power TV transmitter at Jalna.

Printing of Directories in Maharashtra

4942. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether latest updated directories are not printed in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is proposed to print new directories for all areas in the state?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, latest updated directories could not be printed in Raigad, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Akola, Bhandara, Amravati, Yeotmal, Chandrapur, Buldana, Nanded, Dhule, Jalgaon and Nagpur Secondary Switching Areas of Maharashtra.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It is planned to publish new directories for all areas in 1992 itself.

Telephone Exchanges in Tehri Garhwal

4943. SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for opening of rural telephone exchanges in Tehri Garhwal region during the last three years

(b) the year-wise progress made in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken (1) proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). (i) a new telephone exchange is planned to be opened at a place whenever minimum registered paid demand reaches 10 or more.

(ii) No. of telephone exchanges opened during the last three years is as under:-

1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92*
1	1	1

(c) Does not arise.

Power Generation

4944. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of shortfall in power generation in the country during the Seventh Five year Plan, State-wise, relative to the installed capacity during the period;

(b) the corresponding percentage of shortfall relative to Plan targets, State-wise;

(c) the target, State-wise, for installation of additional capacity and for power generation during the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(d) the envisaged percentage of total installed capacity and power generation at the end of the Plan in the public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The required information is given in the statement attached.

(c) and (d). According to the 8th Plan document approved by the National Development Council, it is envisaged to add 30538 MW of capacity comprising of 9282 MW hydro, 20156 MW thermal and 1100 MW nuclear during the 8th Plan. The State-wise/Sector -wise details are yet to be finalised by Planning Commission in consultation with States and Central Sector organisations.

STATEMENT

Capacity addition programme, achievement and % age slippages thereof during 7th Plan Period

Region/Station	Original target (MW) Slippages	Achievement (MW)	% age of
1	2	3	4
NORTHERN REGION			
1. Haryana	488	478	2.1
2. Himachal Pradesh	143.5	139	3.1
3. Jammu & Kashmir	76	79	*
4. Punjab	767.4	735.10	4.2
5. Rajasthan	385.1	569.17	
6. U.P.	1794	1381.67	
7. Delhi	.	315	*
8. Central Sector (NR)	2995	3543	*
WESTERN REGION			
9. Gujarat	1085	1205	*
10. Madhya Pradesh	947	407.43	56.9

	Region/Station	Original target (MW) Slippages	Achievement (MW)	% age of
	1	2	3	4
11.	Maharashtra	1739.5	2212.58	*
12.	Central Sector (WR)	27.60	2550	7.6
	SOUTHERN REGION			
13.	Andhra Pradesh	838.5	908.79	*
14.	Karanataka	539.25	425.4	28.3
15.	Kerala	530	465	12.3
16.	Tamil Nadu	1416	1422.8	*
17.	Central Sector (SR)	2075	2365	*
	EASTERN REGION			
18.	Bihar	478.9	220	54.1
19.	DVC	760	340	55.3
20.	Orissa	483.5	440	8.9
21.	Sikkim	3.5	3.5	.

	Region/Station	Original target (MW) Slippages	Achievement (MW)	% age of
	1	2	3	4
22.	West Bengal	814.7	320	60.7
23.	Central Sector (ER)	630	630	•
	NORTH-EASTERN REGION			
24.	Assam	2.85	105	63.1
25.	Manipur	6.9	1.7	75.3
26.	Nagaland	1	1	•
27.	Tripura	21	19	9.5
28.	Mizoram	5.9	10.25	•
29.	Arunachal pradesh	9.6	2.75	71.3
30.	NEEPCO	100	106.5	•
31.	A & N Island	12	•	100
	Total (All India)	22245.25	21401.64	3.8

• Achievement was more than the target.

[*Translation*]

Air Station at Bareilly

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4945. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
DR. P. R. GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Doordarshan studies and All India Radio Station at Bareilly has since been completed;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to start functioning; and

(c) the amount spent on each of these projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c).

DOORDARSHAN

Installation works pertaining to TV Centre, Bareilly comprising a high power TV transmitter along with Programme generation facility have been completed. Whereas the high power TV transmitter is envisaged to be commissioned shortly, commissioning of the programme generation facility would depend upon availability of requisite manpower.

Till June, 1992, an amount of Rs, 633.28 lakhs has been spent on this project.

ALL INDIA RADIO

The Radio Station at Bareilly is envisaged to be technically ready by September, 1992. The station can be commissioned once the minimum staff required for operation and maintenance of the station is in position.

Till June, 1992, an amount of Rs. 239.578 lakhs has been spent on this project.

[*English*]

Telecast of Hindi News Bulletin in Tamil Nadu

4946. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi news bulletin of National Programme of Doordarshan at 8.40 P.M. is not being telecast in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which its telecast is likely to start again in that State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The relay of National news bulletin in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Madras was discontinued from November, 1982 on the request of Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c) No decision to restore this bulletin from Madras Kendra has been taken.

Literacy Campaign Launched by Air/ Doordarshan

4947. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programme covered by All India Radio and Doordarshan on literacy campaign;

(b) the programmes/serials telecast on

Doordarshan to literate the people;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to launch any comprehensive advertising campaign through the Doordarshan for motivating the literacy; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). All India Radio/Doordarshan have been broadcasting/telecasting programmes in various formats on the theme of literacy for quite some time. The details of the programmes broadcast/telecast by each radio station (1) Doordarshan Kendra are not maintained centrally in a compiled form. Sports on the subject continue to be telecast by Doordarshan at appropriate intervals.

Modernisation of Aviation Facilities in Karnataka

4948. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects under execution in Karnataka for the modernisation of aviation facilities during the last three years;

(b) whether these projects are likely to be completed as per schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the last three years, the following aviation modernisation projects have been executed in the State of Karnataka:-

BANGALORE AIRPORT

(i) A semi-permanent block has been constructed and is being used as an arrival hall.

(ii) An Instrument Landing System with Distance Measuring Equipment Automatic Message Switching System have also been installed at this airport.

MANGALORE AIRPORT

At Mangalore airport, a Single Side Band and Very High Frequency Omni Range colocated with Distance Measuring Equipment have been installed.

(b) All these works were executed as per schedule during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise.

Postal Stamp on Tamralipte National Government

4949. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to release a postal stamp on the occasion of the golden 'jubilee celebration of the establishment of the Tamralipte National Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Decisions for new stamps are made

in accordance with the existing guidelines and well in advance to allow time for the elaborate production process. The programme for issue of new postage stamps for 1992 which was decided and announced in 1991, included 2 stamps to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Quit India Movement.

Electronic News Gathering Units of Doordarshan in Orissa

4950. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electronic News Gathering (ENS) Units of Doordarshan in Orissa;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to increase their number there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There are at present eight Electronic News Gathering (ENG) Units of Doordarshan deployed in Orissa.

(b) and (c). Four additional such Units are envisaged to be provided at TV Studio Centre under implementation at Bhubaneshwar.

Letters from MPs

4951. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received by him from Members of Parliament during the last six months;

(b) the number of letters out of them acknowledged within fifteen days of their receipt and the number to which final reply have not been sent, so far;

(c) the reasons for not acknowledging them within fifteen days and final replies within three months; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The number of letters received from VIPs (including from MPs and Ministers) during the six months period 1.1.92 to 30.6.92 in the Ministry of I & B was 1854.

(b) and (c). Acknowledgements are invariably sent within fifteen days of receipt of the VIP cases. There were, final 675 cases pending disposal as on 30.6.92. During this period replies were sent in respect of 1942 VIP references which related to 1854 references received during the period 1.1.92 to 30.6.92 and 763 references pending disposal as on 31.12.91.

(d) All out efforts are made to send final replies as expeditiously as possible. However, it has not been possible to dispose of all references within three months as collection of information from the Media Units which, in turn, have to collect the same from their field formations, is at times time-consuming.

Functioning of NTPC

4952. SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank team has made any comments on the efficiency and functioning of NTPC and its profit making methods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have bifurcated the NTPC in to three organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Operation Evaluation Division of the World Bank in its Project Performance Audit Report, April 1992, has praised the efficiency and performance of NTPC in various areas such as institutional development, plant construction, cost containment, operating efficiency, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Selection Procedure of Films by Doordarshan

4953. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations that the films selected and telecast by Doordarshan often lack social and progressive themes and are devoid of cultural values;

(b) whether selected films from foreign countries were telecast by Doordarshan centres during January, 1992 to June 1992; and

(c) the criteria for selecting foreign films for telecast on Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Reactions of the viewers to the films telecast by Doordarshan are not alike. Complaints or suggestions from the viewers are received regularly by Doordarshan and these are duly taken into consideration for the betterment of the service.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Following are the broad criteria for selection of films, including foreign films, for telecast on Doordarshan:

(a) International/National/State Awards won.

(b) Thematic value

(c) Cinematic value

(d) Entertainment value

(e) Suitability for Family viewing

(f) Year of production

(g) Extent to which the film has already been commercially exploited.

(h) Number of times the film has been shown on TV and from what Stations.

Foreign films of artistic/adult theme are also telecast in the Late Night Chunk.

[*Translation*]

Security Arrangements at IGIA

4954. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several loopholes in the security arrangements at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) whether many people have violated

security rules due to these loopholes;

(c) if so, the number of such cases which came into notice during the last six months could have resulted in serious accidents; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take in future to strengthen security arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) There has been one security lapse which could have jeopardised safe operation of the aircraft.

(d) Comprehensive security measures are already in force at IGI airport. These are constantly monitored to ensure their effectiveness.

[*English*]

IBRD Loan for NPTC

4955. SHRI S. B. THORAT:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated June 15, 1992 regarding the IBRD loan for NPTC;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have conveyed their views to IBRD authotises; and

(d) if so, the response of IBRD in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir; the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Economic Times dated 15.6.1992 regarding the IBRD loan for NPTC.

The main issue discussed in the news item is early transfer of Regional Load Despatch Centres (RLDCs) form Central Electricity Authority to National Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. The transfer of the existing Regional Load Despatch Centres is proposed to be considered during second phase.

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy

4956. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether aircraft of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy are being used for personal purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the flight hours logged;

(c) whether the Academy has been reimbursed the expenditure incurred on this account;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such practice in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (e). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Out of Turn Telephone Connections in U.P.

4957. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned from M.Ps quota during the last six months in Ghaziabad city of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the telephone connections have not been provided to the subscribers even after lapse of several months of issuing O.B. for such telephone, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any complaints have been received by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and nature of complaints and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Eleven (11) telephone connections were sanctioned from M.Ps quota during the last six months Ghaziabad.

(b) Connections sanctioned -11

Connections installed - 06

5 connections could not be installed so far for the following reasons:

(i) Party has not intimated registration particulars.

(ii) Party has applied for change of name.

(iii) Area technically not feasible.

(iv) Two cases have been received only in the last week of July 1992 and they are under processing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[*English*]

Supply of Raw Material by Bhilai Steel Plant

4958. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhilai Steel Plant supplies raw materials to local rolling mills and other factories,

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the quantum of raw materials supplied annually;

(c) whether adequate and regular supply of raw materials are not made available to the local rolling mills and other factories by BSP; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Bhilai Steel Plant sells all the homogenous re- rollable steel scrap arisings to local rolling mills at fixed price and all heterogenous and surplus homogenous scrap through auction/tender which is open to all the customers on all India basis (including local rolling mills). About 90% of the material sold through auction/tender is purchased by local units only.

(b) The actual sale of steel scrap arisings done through both the modes are:

(*Unit: '000 Tonnes*)

Period	*Actual sale at fixed price*	*Actual sale through Auction/ Tender*
1991-92	40404	278016
April '92 to June '92	2960	53160

(c) According to Steel Authority of India Limited, the material is supplied to the mills of the local areas, based on availability.

(d) Does not arise.

Seminar on Industrial Energy

4959. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on industrial energy was held at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the issue discussed and decisions arrived at the meeting;

(d) the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon; and

(e) the amount allocated for the energy sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). An seminar on "Industrial Energy Audit Experience" was organised by Energy Management Centre, with the help of Tata Energy Research Institute, at Bangalore on 6th May, 1992. The object of the seminar was to familiarise industry personnel with the art and science of energy audits which is a managerial function involving different departments such as production, maintenance and service. Seventy nine personnel representing different public and private sector undertakings took part in the seminar. The seminar highlighted possible energy saving through systematic energy audit studies. Since the seminar one in the direction of promoting awareness among industrial personnel on the need for energy audits, no follow up action is called for on the part of Government.

(e) The amount allocated for the Energy Sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan is Rs. 114,953.32 crores.

[*Translation*]

Airports Facilities

4960. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which are not having operational facilities for sophisticated/ modern types of aircraft at present;

(b) whether the Shivshankar Bhatt Commission had made any recommendations in this regard:

(c) if so, the details thereof: and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) All the airports are adequately equipped with modern navigational facilities determined according to the type of the aircraft and the locational requirement of the airport.

(b) and (c). The Shivshankar Bhatt Commission has recommended to have at least one Category -I Instrument Landing System (ILS) installed at every airport in India and for every runway used by jet transport aircraft on scheduled services.

(d) Weather visibility conditions, type of terrain around the airport, type of aircraft operation are the factors that determine the requirement of Instrument Landing System at airport. National Airports Authority has installed Instrument Landing System at twenty airports. Conditions prevalent at majority of the airports do not warrant provision of an Instrument Landing System.

[*English*]

NTCP Power In Southern and Western Regions

4961. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made by the World Bank for setting up of power plants under NTPC in the southern and western regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

News Relay Facilities to Foreign News Agencies

4962. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BOADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign news agencies provided news relay facilities from the network telecast of the country;

(b) whether such a news agency would telecast the news with regards to financial matters only or it would be provided with the facility for telecasting complete news;

(c) whether the approval has been accorded to the New York Times published from the United States of America for the telecast of their issue on Delhi Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Such facilities have not been provided to any foreign news agency.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arose.

[*English*]

Setting up of a Restaurant at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

4963. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no restaurant functioning at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport;

(b) if so, whether India Tourism Development Corporation propose to set up a restaurant there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Kerala Tourism Development Corporation is providing restaurant services at the Trivandrum International airport Terminal now.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Renting out of Space in Kanishka

4964. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.T.D.C. has suffered huge loss on account of renting out of the space in Kanishka Plaza due to irregular measurement;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the erring officials; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). When ITDC first rented out space in the shopping complex in Kanishka Plaza in 1983 the circulation area which included corridors, toilets, etc. to be commonly used by different tenants was not included in the lettabale area though the rates fixed was such which were to compensate for the circulation areas also. Government audit has pointed a loss of Rs. 12.23 lakhs on this account. The reported loss is due to difference of interpretation of lettable area.

[*English*]

Involvement of Air-India Employees in smuggling activities

4965. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Air India have been found involved in smuggling activities;

(b) if so, the details of the employees found involved during 1991 and 1992 so far;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them; and

(d) the effective steps proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the last one year, there was one incident of a Traffic Assistant of Air India trying to export samples of mandrex tablets. He has been placed under suspension, pending drawal of disciplinary proceedings.

(d) Necessary surveillance is maintained by security and vigilance staff of Air India to crub smuggling activities. Strict disciplinary action is initiated against the employees indulging in such activities. Liaison is also maintained with Customs for taking preventive measures.

[*Translation*]

Indus Water Dispute

4966. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pakistan Indus water dispute processed under the World Bank to resolve this dispute and a treaty was signed by both the countries in December, 1960:

(b) whether decision to release Ravi, Beas and Satluj waters to India was taken on the ground of the fact that India required Ravi

Beas waters on priority basis to supply water in the vast desert in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the present status of the treaty and the supply of water to India?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indus Water Treaty 1960 was signed in September, 1960.

(b) The requirement of water for the desert areas of Rajasthan was not the sole basis for allocation of Ravi, Beas and Sutlej rivers to Indian for its exclusive use under the Treaty.

(c) The Treaty has been in satisfactory operation for the past 32 years and India has been able to fully harness about 40 billion cubic meters of waters of these three rivers available in an average year except for about 1.25 billion cubic meters of flood waters of river Ravi which will also be fully harnessed on completion of Ranjit Sagar Dam currently under construction on river Ravi. In addition India is also utilising the waters of the river Chenab, Jhelum and Indus for domestic use, for irrigating the cropped areas and for generation of hydro-electric power in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty.

[*English*]

NTPC Duesto SEBS

4967. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious cash flow problems have forced the National Thermal Power Corporation to cut down power generation due to non-release of the dues by the State Electricity Board;

(b) whether the coal companies which are operating on cash and carry terms are not being paid by the State Electricity Boards;

(c) whether his Ministry has approached the Finance and Planning Ministries to stall the State Government funds and divert them to the Corporation;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard and to make adequate funds available of NTPC to improve its power generation facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) (c) (d) and (e). Power generation has not been affected even though non-payment of dues by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) and others to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for supply of power is causing liquidity problems for the NTPC. To maintain generation and supply of power, the NTPC and the Central Government have been requesting defaulting States and SEBs to clear their dues by enhancing the limits of Letters of Credit etc. Since the outstanding dues were not cleared despite these efforts, recovery through Central Appropriation has been resorted to.

(b) Barring some exceptions, Coal Companies are being paid by the SEBs for the current despatches under the ' Cash ' and ' Carry ' system of coal supply to the power sector.

Jamrani Dam, U.P.

4968. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jarmani Dam in district Nainital of U.P. was sanctioned by he Planning Commission in 1989 subject to its clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted to the Union Government working plans in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when the clearance is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Jamrani Irrigation Project was approved by the Planning Commission in the year 1975 for Rs. 61.25 Crores. The revised multipurpose project proposal estimated to cost Rs. 144.84 crores was considered by the Advisory Committee in the year 1989 and Sound acceptable subject to environment and forest clearance to be obtained and operational programme of conjunctive use of ground water to be developed during course of implementation the project.

(b) and (c). Recently a meeting was held in the Ministry on 20.7.92 regarding clearance of the Project from environment and forest angle. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh is required to formulate a well documented report in association wit multi disciplinary committee by October 1992 for consideration by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The State Government is also required to update the project estimate for processing by Central water Commission.

Survey for Locating Copper Mines In Rathura (U.P.)

4969. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make a survey for locating the copper mines in the surrounding areas of Rarthura (Dhanpur), in district Chamoil (Uttar Pradesh) which had been closed for construction of road during British period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the survey is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has planned geochemical appraisal for copper, lead, zinc, tin and tungsten in the Dobri-Pinglapani-Rudraparayag areas including Rathura (Dhanpur), District Chamoli (Uttar Pradesh). The survey work will be taken up during Field Seasons 1992-93 (starting from 1sr Oct. 92) and 1992-94.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Closure of Industries

4970. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI LAL BABU RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some industrial units have been closed down in the country due to shortage of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Industrial production/

performance of industries depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product, industrial relations, management efficiency etc. and Power shortage is only one of the contributing factors. power supply to various categories of consumers falls under the distribution system of State and is the prerogative of the State Govt./SEB. However, various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of shorter gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

[English]

Pig Iron Quota for Karnataka

4971. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the present pig iron quota for small scale sector in Karnataka;

(b) whether the small scale industries in Karnataka are suffering due to non-supply of pig iron and coke;

(c) whether any representation has been received for increasing the pig iron and coke quota for small scale sector in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A quantity of 17,000 MTs of pig iron has been provisionally allocated to the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (KSSIDC) for the year 1992-93 which is higher than the allocation in the previous year.

(b) and (c). Representations have been received for additional allocation of pig iron for the Small Scale Sector in Karnataka.

(d) There is an overall shortage of pig iron in the country. As against the total estimated demand of 1.92 million tonnes in 1991-92, the production was 1.59 million tonnes. To enable pig iron user industries to meet their full requirements, pig iron has been made freely importable. Import duty on pig iron has also been reduced from 55% to 35% with effect from the 16th January, 1992. Government have also taken steps to encourage production of pig iron in the private sector.

[Translation]

Improvement of Hydel Power Projects

4972. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recommended for improvement of 52 hydel power projects;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof , State-wise; and

(c) the percentage of investment of the Union Government in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Power Plants in Rajasthan

4973. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted proposals for setting up some power plants in the State;

(b) whether some projects are proposed to be set up with the assistance of World Bank;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these plants are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Government have posed the Suratgarh Thermal Power Project (2x250MW) of the Rajasthan State Electricity Board to the World Bank for assistance. The World Bank has not sanctioned the loan. It is not possible to indicate the time by which the World Bank would clear the Project.

Irrigation facilities in the Plateau Areas of U.P. and M.P.

4974. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that irrigation facility is not available in the plateau areas of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for providing the irrigational facility in the said areas; anJ

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). While no comprehensive plans for plateau areas are formulated separately, considering availability of resources and *inter se* priority, individual schemes are taken up by the State Governments for development of irrigation.

Bundelkhand, Malwa, Baghlkhand and Vindhyachal Plateaus of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh comprise vast areas and 20 major and 82 medium schemes are already existing in the region whereas another 15 major and 22 medium have been undertaken by the State Governments. The ultimate irrigation potential of these schemes is in the range of about 2.8 million hectares.

National Flood Commission

4975. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the report from the National Flood Commission in regard to the flood affected areas in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the flood affected areas identified;

(c) the measures suggested to solve the flood problem permanently; and

(d) the total flood affected area in the country which is proposed to be saved from the havoc caused by floods during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Out of 400 lakh hectares of area prone to flooding in the country, 200 lakh hectares of chronically affected area lie in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Orissa. The Commission has suggested both short term and long term structural as well as non structural measures to mitigate flood problem.

(d) An area of about 31 lakh hectares is envisaged for protection from floods during the 8th Five Year Plan.

Ban on Mining of Diamond in M.P.

4976. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on mining of diamond in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Violence in T.V. News Bulletins

4977. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines exist on the telecast of violence in news bulletins over Doordarshan;

(b) whether any complaints have been received over the coverage of graphic scenes of violence in Yugoslavia/South Africa recently; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to ban telecast such slots in the news bulletins?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The basic principles governing the news policy of Doordarshan is to ensure the telecast of factual, accurate and objective news stories (national/international) selected primarily on the basis of their news value.

(b) Such details are not maintained centrally in a compiled from.

(c) No action needs to be taken.

Bio-Bleaching of Gold

4978. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka State owned Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd. has plans to take up bio-bleaching of gold ore to improve recovery of gold;

(b) whether the new technology will help the recovery of additional gold from the mines,

(c) whether the Indian Institute of Science has identified native organism which can consume sulphur and liberate gold; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. As an R&D effort towards establishing feasibility of increasing gold recovery from the Hutti Mine Ores, a study on bio-processing of the gold ore and tailings has been entrusted to the Indian Institute of Science, Banglore, by the Gold Mines Co. Limited.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) Detailed laboratory tests have been conducted to bio-leach the highly sulphidic refractory gold ores as well as willings from Hutti Mines and native organism which can consume sulphur and liberate gold have been cultured and developed in the laboratory. The bacteria identified are:-

1. Leaching Bactena:

Thiobacileus ferro-oxidans, bacillus subtilis, Thiobacillus thio-oxidans.

2. Fungi:

A spergi'lus niger, Penicillium

Bio-processing for enhanced gold recovery is still in laboratory stage.

Funds for Central Electricity Projects

4979. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided not to fund Central electricity projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether some alternate arrangements have been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Radio Station at Srikakulam in A.P.

4980. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a radio station at Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, tthe time by which it is likely to be set up and commissioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The entire Srikakulam district receives primary grade day time radio service from the 100 KW MW Transmitter at Vishakhapatnam and shortwave support service from the 10 KW SW Transmitter at Hyderabad.

Telephone Connection in Karnataka

4981. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise total number of new telephone connections provided in Karnataka, particularly in Bangalore city during 1991-92; and

(b) the district-wise total number of new connections proposed to be given during 1992-93 and particularly in Bangalore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) and (b)

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Sl.No	*Name of District*	*District-wise New Connections Provided during 1991-92*	*District-wise New Connections Proposed to be given during 1992-93*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Bangalore	10,623	9,420
2.	Dakshina Kannada	6,609	7,140
3.	Mysore	3,404	4,500
4.	Belgaum	1,260	1,850
5.	Hubli	3,559	3,570
6.	Davangere	2,272	1,360
7.	hassan	1,413	1,200
8.	Mandya	806	860
9.	Kolar	1,058	1,500
10.	Tumkar	684	1,780

Sl.No	Name of District	District-wise New Connections Provided during 1991-92	District-wise New Connections Proposed to be given during 1992-93
1	2	3	4
11.	bellary	2,130	1,140
12.	Bijapur	1,651	1,860
13.	Gulbarga	1,338	2,500
14.	Raichur	1,856	1,570
15.	Bidar	850	350
16.	Chikmagalur	753	1,430
17.	Kodagu	479	860
18.	Shimoga	834	1,860
19.	Uttar Kannada	1,211	1,430
	Total	42,790	46,000

[*Translation*]

Telephone Exchanges In U.P.

4983. SHRI RAM BADAN:
DR. LAL BHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93;

(b) the amount allocated thereof; and

(c) the number of STD and ISTD connections provided in Azamgarh, Mau, Aligarh, Agra and Bulandshar districts during last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Districtwise number of telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93 is given in the statement I and II attached. A target to open 10 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 75 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93 has been approved. The Heads of Circle will open the Post Offices on their fulfilling the criteria fixed for the purpose and also beased on the needs and demand of the people.

(b) The amount allocated is as under

Post Offices:	Rs. 6 lakh
Telephones:	Rs. 1.5 Crore
Telegraph Offices:	No allocation is called for as no expenditure is involved initially for provision of telegraph facility in a Post Office.

(c) STD/ISTD facilities were provided in five exchanges in Azamgarh district and one exchange in Mau district and two exchanges in Bulandshar districts, in Aligarh and Agra district during 1991-92 no further exchanges were covered by STD/ISTD.

STATEMENT - I

District wise number of exchanges likely oto be set up during 1992-93

Sl.No	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Agra	5
2.	Aligarh	3
3.	Almora	1
4.	Bareilly	4
5.	Barabanki	1
6.	Basti	1
7.	Faizabad	1
8.	Hardoi	1
9.	Jaunpur	2
10.	Muzaffar Nagar	2
11.	Nainital	2
12.	Kanpur Dehat	1
13.	Pauri	1

Sl.No	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
14.	Pratapgarh	2
15.	Pithoragarh	1
16.	Raibareli	1
17.	Saharanpur	2
18.	Sitapur	1
19.	Sultanpur	6
20.	Mathura	2
21.	Mirzapur	1
	Total	41

District wise number of LDPTs with Telegraph facilities proposed to be opened during 1992-93.

Sl.No.	District	No.
1	2	3
1.	Agra	1
2.	Aligarh	1
3.	Allahabad	1
4.	Almora	1
5.	Azamgarh	1
6.	Bareilly	1
7.	Bahraich	1
8.	Bulandshahar	1
9.	Budaun	1
10.	Bando	1
11.	Ballia	1
12.	Basti	1

Sl.No.	District	No.
1	2	3
13.	Barabanki	1
14.	Bijnor	1
15.	Chamoli	1
16.	Dehradun	1
17.	Deoria	1
18.	Etah	1
19.	Farrukhabad	1
20.	Faizabad	1
21.	Ferozabad	1
22.	Gorakhpur	1
23.	Gonda	1
24.	Ghaziabad	1
25.	Hardwar	1

Sl.No.	District	No.
1	2	3
26.	Hardoi	1
27.	Hamirpur	1
28.	Jaunpur	1
29.	Jhansi	1
30.	Kanpur Dehat	1
31.	Mau	1
32.	Meerut	1
33.	Mathura	1
34.	Muzaffarnagar	1
35.	Moradabad	1
36.	Mahrajganj	1
37.	Nainital	1
38.	Orai	1

Sl.No.	District	No.
1	2	3
39.	Pratapgarh	1
40.	Pauri	1
41.	Raibareli	1
42.	Shahjahanpur	1
43.	Sitapur	1
44.	Saharanpur	1
45.	Sultanpur	1
46.	Siddharthnagar	1
47.	Sambhal	1
48.	Tehri	1
49.	Sombhadra	1
50.	Varanasi	1
	Total	50

[*English*]

Diesel Power Plant Yelahanka

4984. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed joint sector diesel power generation project coming up at Yelahanka is becoming unwanted due to cost over-runs as reported in the Economic Times dated June 30, 1992;

(b) whether the Central Electricity Authority propose to complete the project with the help of the Government of Karnataka;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Central Electricity Authority does not undertake project construction work. It is a State Sector project which is being executed by the Karnataka Electricity Board.

Air Service to Surat

4985. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce air service from Indore, Banglore, Delhi and Bhavnagar to Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The airport at Surat is not suitable for operation of aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines. Vayudoot is operating Bombay-Surat-Bhavnagar and back there days a week. It has no plan to operate service through Surat to other stations due to operational and commercial reasons.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Cell in Calcutta for Power Project

4986. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cell for executing the works relating to Maithan thermal (Right Bank) power project has been set up in Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to shift this cell to Maithan from where the work can be executed properly; and

(c) the amount spent by the said cell so far under each head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A cell headed by a Superintending Engineer for execution of the work relating to Maithan Thermal (Right Bank) exists at Maithan.

(c) Year-wise head-wise expenditure incurred on the Cell till 1991-92 are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Items	Year				
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
Other Assets	.	33.58	0.54	.	34.12
Preliminary & Investigation	25.58	15.70	49.51	.	90.69
Clearing Charges	1.92	23.03	12.33	.	37.28
Eastablishment & Overhead charges	1.53	8.27	6.19	10.00	25.99
Total	28.93	80.58	68.57	10.00	188.08

[*English*]

Telephone Exchanges in Delhi

4987. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion of telephone exchanges in Delhi during 1992-93 with a view to clear the waiting list for telephone connections: and

(b) if so, the details thereof, exchange-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of tentative expansion plans are given in the enclosed statement. It is proposed to clear the waiting list under OYT, Non-OYT/Special, Non OYT/SS categories as of 30.6.92 by 31.12.92 and that of Non-OYT/General as of 31.3.88 by 31.3.93.

STATEMENT

Active expansion programme (Revised) for 1992-93

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange/RLU	Capacity to be added (in lines)
1	2	3
1.	Yamuna Vihar	3000
2.	Laxmi Nagar	20000
3.	Delhi Gate	6000
4.	Janakpuri	12000
5.	Rohini Sector-III	4000
6.	Rohini Sector-IX	3000
7.	Shadipur	500
8.	Janpath	4000
9.	Mayur Vihar	3000
10.	Karol Bagh	5000
11.	Shakti Nagar	24000
12.	Idgah	1000
13.	Jorbagh	18000

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange/RLU	Capacity to be added (in lines)
1	2	3
14.	Nangloi	2000
15.	Alipur	1000
16.	Sena Bhavan	500
17.	Najafgarh	1000
18.	Paschim Vihar	4000
19.	Badli	1000
20.	Nehru Place	8000
21.	Chanakyapuri	3000
22.	Hauz Khas	3000
23.	Vasant Kunj	1000
24.	Shahdara	6000
25.	Rajouri Garden	14000
26.	Okhla	3000

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange/RLU	Capacity to be added (in lines)
1	2	3
27.	Mukherji Nagar	2000
28.	Keshav Puram	4000
29.	Hari Nagar	5000
30.	Chatter Pur	1000
	Grand Total	1,63,000
	Replacement	21,600

Power Projects of Maharashtra

4988. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has agreed to invest in power projects in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for these projects;

(c) whether the allocated amount has since been released;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Planning Commission has approved an Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 802.61 crores for the power sector for Maharashtra for 1992-93 and a corresponding outlay (other than non-conventional energy) of Rs. 4572.64 crores has been agreed for the Eighth Plan.

(c) to (e). The Central Government provides assistance to the State Plans on block loan/grant according to the formula approved by the National Development Council. The Plan outlays and the sectoral allocations for the States are finalised by the Planning Commission in consultation with them.

[*Translation*]

Hill Station Allowance to Telecommunication Staff

4989. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hill station allowance is given to the permanent/temporary employees of the department of telecommunication working in hilly areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received complaints regarding non payment of hill allowance to the temporary regular employees of the telecommunication department working in the hilly areas of Uttar pradesh; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for payment of the allowance to these employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some complaints have been received about non-payment of Hill Compensatory allowance at Nainital/Haldwani/Dehradun/Rishikesh and Srinagar (Garhwal).

At Rishikesh and Haldwani HCA is not admissible as per rules.

HCA is being paid at Dehradun, Naintial and Srinagar (Garhwal).

(1) The Hill Compensatory Allowance is paid if the place is 100 meters above the sea level. For this purpose the height of a hill station above as level should be the height of the Highest point within the notified area of or the muncipality or other local bodies as determined and accepted by the Survey of India.

(2) Ministry of Finance have already issued the list of Hill Stations of U.P. which qualify for grant of Hill Compensatory allowance. These are Nainital Dharchula, Pauri,

Almora, Tehri Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Ranikhet, Landsdown, Mussorrie, Jharipani, Narendranagar Uttar Kashi, Dehradun.

(3) Regarding Srinagar (Garhwal) though the HCA is being paid, the case about its eligibility is being verified in the light of above instructions of Ministry of Finance, as there is some doubt about its eligibility.

Publication of Employment News

4990. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the languages in which "Employment News/Rojgar Samachar" are at present being published;

(b) whether the Government propose to publish " Employment News/Rojgar Samachar " in all the regional languages; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The Employment News/Rojgar Samachar at present is being published in English, Hindi and Urdu.

(b) and (c). There is no such proposal as yet, keeping in view the financial viability.

[*English*]

Criteria for Setting up of Air and Doordarshan centres

4991. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion adopted to set up A.I.R. and Docrdarshan Centres in the country;

(b) whether the A.I.R. and Doordarshan centres have not been set up at same places/ district inspite of fulfilling the said norms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not setting up the said centres there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The criteria being followed setting up of All India Radio and TV Stations comprises of various factors, like providing of coverage to the areas not covered by the signals from any other existing stations, provision of service to hilly, backward, tribal and border areas, technical feasibility, extent of resultant coverage to rural and urban population, availability of programme production and linkage facilities, the linguistic and cultural needs and the availability of financial resources.

(b) and (c). All districts in the country receive radio coverage. TV coverage is also either wholly or partially available to all the districts except Churachandpur (Manipur) and Mokochung (Nagaland). TV transmitters are, however, under implementation in these two districts.

Out of Turn Telephone Allotment in Haryana

4992. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn basis from June, 1991 to June 1992; and

(b) the number out of them allocated to each state particularly to Haryana?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, the number of telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn basis from July, 1991 to June, 1992 is 24,042.

(b) The information is furnished in the enclosed statement which is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Details of number of telephone connections sanctioned by the Ministry on out of turn priority basis during the period July, 1991 to June, 1992

Sl.No.	Name of Telecon Circle	No. of telephone connections Sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Assam	304
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2846
3.	Bihar	398
4.	Gujarat	594
5.	Haryana	642
6.	Himachal pradesh	57
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	371
8.	Karnataka	1005
9.	Kerala	936
10.	Madhya Pradesh	693
11.	Maharashtra (includes Goa also)	927
12.	North East Circle	81
13.	Orissa	145

Sl.No.	Name of Telecon Circle	No. of telephone connections Sanctioned
1	2	3
14.	Punjab	997
15.	Rajasthan	1978
16.	Tamil Nadu	862
17.	Uttar Pradesh	2234
18.	West bengal (includes Sikkim also)	233
		Metro Telephone Districts
1.	Delhi	7,584
2.	Bombay	634
3.	Calcutta (Jan-June,92) (Figures for June-Dec, 91 have been included in West Bengal at Sl.No. 18)	230
4.	Madras (Jan-June,92) (Figures for June-Dece, 91 have been included in Tamil Nadu at (Sl.No. 16)	291
	Total	24042

Revertion to Rupee Tariff in I.T.D.C. Hotels

4993. SHRI ANAND RAINA MAURYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the I.T.D.C. has decided to revert to the rupee tariff in its hotels; and

(b) if so, the benefits likely to be derived thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measure is primarily aimed at facilitating tourism flows to the country by providing a stable tariff in all ITDC hotels.

National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology

4994. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a national institute of secondary steel technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its proposed location; and

(c) the stage at which the proposal stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology, a registered Society, proposes to set up an institute at Mandi Gobindagrh in Punjab for imparting job oriented training in re-rolling technology. The Institute authorities have under taken preliminary works including selection of a suitable site for the Project.

On-going Projects

4995. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:
SHRI K. PRADHANI:
SHRI RAMSINGH KASHWAN:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:
SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of the on-going major and medium irrigation projects in the country, State-wise

(b) the year in which the construction work on each of these projects was started;

(c) whether some of these projects are receiving special Central assistance;

(d) if so, the amount of such assistance provided for each projects and the progress made so far; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) State-wise details of the on-going major and medium irrigation projects are given in the enclosed Statement -I.

(b) The details of the on-going major and medium irrigation projects according to Plan in which started are given in the enclosed Statement -II.

(c) to (e). Details of the major and medium irrigation projects receiving special Central assistance given in the Statement - III.

STATEMENT-I

State-wise details of ongoing Major and Medium Projects

Sl.No.	States	Major Projects Nos	Medium Projects Nos.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	26
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	.	.
3.	Assam	2	9
4.	Bihar	15	29
5.	Goa	1	1
6.	Gujarat	9	57
7.	Haryana	7	3
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	3
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	10
10.	Karnataka	13	13
11.	Kerala	12	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	19	35

Sl.No.	States	Major Projects Nos	Medium Projects Nos.
1	2	3	4
13.	Maharashtra	36	46
14.	Manipur	3	.
15.	Meghalaya	.	.
16.	Mizoram	.	.
17.	Nagaland	.	.
18.	Orissa	4	10
19.	Punjab	2	1
20.	Rajasthan	5	8
21.	Sikkim	.	.
22.	Tamil Nadu	2	5
23.	Tripura	.	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	24	11
25.	West Bengal	3	17
	Total	171	292

STATEMENT-II

Details of on-going Major & Medium Irrigation Projects according to Plan in which started.

Plan in which started	Number of projects spilling-over from VII Plan (1985-1990)		
	Major	Medium	Total
1	2	3	4
I	2	2	4
II	5	.	5
III	16	4	20
Annual Plans 1966-69	5	1	6
IV	20	10	30
V	59	105	164
Annual Plans 1978-80	13	31	44
VI	34	98	132
VII	17	41	58
Total	171	292	463

Note 1. This includes nonplan projects also.

STATEMENT - III

Projects receiving Special Central Assistance

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Source of Special Central Assistanace	Amount released till 3/92	Likely date of completion
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Sultej Yamuna Link Canal (Carrier Canal in Punjab)	Project is fully funded by the Central Govt.	476	Only Small works are remaining.
2.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana	Advance Plan assistance, drought relief assistance and border area development grant	182.10	Beyond VIII Plan
3.	Potteru Major Irrigation Project, Orissa	Receiving assistance from the Ministry of Home Affairs.	59.69	VIII Plan
4.	Banjar Medium Irrigation Project, Madhya Pradesh	Receiving assistance from Ministry of Mines	Not availble	VIII Plan
5.	Satiguda Medium Irrigation Project, Orissa.	Receiving assistance from Ministry of Home Affairs.	-do-	VIII Plan

In Addition, Command Area works in some of the Projects are receiving Central Assistance under Centrally sponsored Command Are rogramme.

[*Translation*]

Poor quality of Coal to Power Plants in Bihar

4996. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the fall in power generation in the power plants of Bihar is due to scarcity of good quality of coal;

(b) whether the natural gas based power plants have proved successful in power generation;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to set up gas based power plant in Bihar;

(d) if so, the location thereof; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Patratu, Barauni and Muzaffarpur thermal Power Stations of the Bihar State Electricity Board are getting the grade of coal as per the design grade. As such, scarcity of good quality of coal is not the reason for fall in power generation in the power plants.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, per unit cost of generation of gas based plants is high in comparison to coal based plants.

(c) to (e). There is no proposal at present to set up gas based power plant in Bihar.

[*English*]

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges in Jamnagar, Gujarat

4997. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some telephone exchanges have been converted into electronics at various places in the district of Jamnagar, Gujarat, during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon, exchange-wise; and

(c) the places where telephone exchanges are likely to be converted into electronics during 1992-93 and the expenditure to be incurred thereon, separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Details are given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

(I) *Names of the telephone exchanges converted into electronic in district Jamnagar, Gujarat during the last three years and the expenditure incurred is as under:-*

Year	*Name of exchange converted into electronic*	*Approximate expenditure incurred in Rs.*
1	2	3
1989-90	Nil	
1990-91	(1) Bhanvad	38,78,016/-
	(2) Vadinar	7,29,441/-
	(3) Jodia	7,53,664/-
	(4) Okha	11,23,386/-
1991-92	(1) Sethvadaza	4,52,747/-
	(2) Balachadi	4,24,858/-
	(3) Allabada	9,08,858/-
	(4) Jevapur	8,31,582/-
	(5) Lalpur	16,36,528/-
	(6) Moti Banugar	4,95,521/-
	(7) Dhrol	42,16,657/-

(ii) *Names of places where telephone exchanges are planned to be converted into electronic exchanges durint 1992-93 and the likel expenditure to be incurred are as under:*

Name of Exchange	*Expenditure likely to be incurred in Rs.*
(1) Kalavad (converted)	36,96,154/-
(2) Jamjodhpur	59,15,078/-
(3) Mithapur	59,1,078/-
(4) Sikka	10,04,680/-
(5) Amran	12,63,752/-
(6) Bavla	12,63,752/-
(7) Jam Raval	12,63,752/-
(8) Nikava	12,63,752/-
(9) Sapar	12,63,752/-
(10) Bhatia	16,56,471/-
(11) Salaya	16,56,471/-
(12) Bhangor	5,75,689/-
(13) Falla	5,33,489/-
(14) Jamkalyanpur	5,75,689/-

Name of Exchange	Expenditure likely to be incurred in Rs.
(15) Kanalus	5,75,689/-
(16) Khuredi	5,75,689/-
(17) Latipur	5,75,689/-
(18) Matva	5,75,689/-
(19) Movan	5,75,689/-
(20) Samana	5,75,689/-
(21) Sidsar	5,54,411/-
(22) Jamvanthali	5,75,689/-
(23) Khandhera	5,75,689/-

[*Translation*]

Ganga Flood Control Board

4998. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga Flood Control Board was constituted in 1972 with a view to suggest measures for the protection of areas affected by floods of the Ganga rivers in Eastern region bordering Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) the total area affected by Ganga river flood which has been protected by the Ganga Flood Control Board in each State; and

(c) the time by which the remaining areas proposed to be protected?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Measures taken have provided protection to 72.03 lakh hectares in Ganga Basin out of 172 lakh hectars that can be provided protection.

(c) It will be mainly dependent upon the availability of funds.

[*English*]

Compensation to Evicted Persons

4999. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land acquired with the number of families/persons evicted therefrom for the implementation of major irrigation or hydro electric projects during 1991-92, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have issued any guidelines for compensating the families/persons evicted for such projects; and

(c) the number of families/persons so compensated by the authorities concerned during the year 1991-92, State'-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Irrigation or Hydroelectric projects are implemented by the State Governments and information on area of land acquired with the number of families/persons evicted and the number of families/persons so compensated for the implementation of major irrigation or hydro-electronic projects is not maintained by the Centre except for a few selected projects. For rehabilitation and resettlement of evicted families/persons, the State Governments have their own polices. In addition, a draft National Policy for Resettlements and Rehabilitation of persons affected by Reservoir Projects prepare by a Sub-committee of National Water Board was discussed during the fourth meeting of the National Water Board held on 7th July, 92 and is to be finalised after obtaining the views of the States.

Heritage Hotels

5000. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to encourage Heritage hotels by utilizing havelies, fortresses and Palaces for the promotion of tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). A new category of 'Heritage Hotels ' has been introduced to cover functioning hotels in palaces, castles, havelies, forts etc. built prior to 1950. Guidelines for approval at project stage for conversion of heritage properties into hotels have also been formulated to provide additional room capacity of tourists and to preserve these landmarks of our heritage.

Effect of Transporters strike on Steel Industry

5001. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent trasporters strike had any effect on steel sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the losses caused thereby; and

(c) the steps taken to clear the piled up stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). There was no *perceptible effect* on the steel sector as the strike lasted for a short duration. The integrated steel plants maintain inventories to take care of such emergencies, and hence the strike did not cause any loss to the steel plants. Further, depending on the dispensation, the steel plants initiated steps to make alternative arrangements for movement of stocks by Rail, butt the contingencies did not arise as the strike was called off in a few days.

Telephone Connections in Delhi

5002. DR. C. CILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of telephone connections have been sanctioned on priority basis in Delhi during January to June; 1992;

(b) if so, the number thereof, exchange-wise;

(c) whether all these connections have since been installed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these left out connections are likely to be installed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During January to June 1992, 5596 number of telephone connections have been sanctioned on out of turn priority basis in Delhi. Statement showing the number of these telephones exchange-wise is given in the attached statement and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) These telephone connections could not be installed for various reasons such as the party has not given the registration particulars, subsequent change in address, non-feasible areas and technical constraints.

(e) All out efforts are being made to install these connections as early as possible. They are likely to be provided, positively by March 1993.

STATEMENT

Number of Telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn priority basis w.e.f. 1.1.92 to 30.6.92

Name of Exchange	*Total Number of Connections received.*	*Total number of Telephones provided*
1	2	3
Janpath	72	58
Jorbagh	286	210
Kidwai Bhavan	178	99
Rajpath	32	25
Sena Bhavan	44	39
Lodi Road (PRX)	8	6
Alipur	5	2
Badli	17	10
Tis Hazari	75	40
Shakti Nagar	528	289
Narela	9	5

Name of Exchange	Total Number of Connections received.	Total number of Telephones provided
1	2	3
Lawrence Road	34	15
Rohini	270	140
Delhi Gate	136	78
Idgah	126	88
Laxmi nagar	591	358
Yumuna Vihar	70	37
Shahedara	305	137
Mayur Vihar	122	61
Chanakyapuri	360	242
Haus Khas	257	152
Nehru Place	443	244
Vasant Kunj	63	35
Okhla	275	171

Name of Exchange	Total Number of Connections received.	Total number of Telephones provided
1	2	3
Tekhand	2	3
Delhi Cantt	35	24
Janakpuri	407	261
Karol Bagh	139	80
Najafgarh	8	3
Nangloi	40	25
Rajouri Garden	506	296
Shadipur	10	7
paschim Vihar	105	61
Samlkha	3	2
	5596	3323

Assistance for Irrigation Projects

5003. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been given to the States during each of the last three years to help small agriculturists and farmers for irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the nature and details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal from the various States to undertake new irrigation projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d). Minor irrigation projects are formulated executed and managed by the States from the State Funds.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central assistance released to the States during (Rs. crores)			Nature of the scheme
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Engouraging Irrigation through Sprinkler/Drip system etc..	1.80	1.95	1.43	Subsidy is provided to small/marginal of for installation of minor irrigation schemes.
2.	Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production	66.29	97.87	94.20	Minor irrigation is a component of the Scheme under which subsidy is provided.
3.	Oil Seeds Production Programme	47.25	52.19	58.28	Minor Irrigation is a component of the scheme
4.	Integrated Rural Development Programme	347.93	346.59	321.31	Installation of minor Irrigation is a component of the Scheme under which assistance is provided to poor small and marginal farmers.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central assistance released to the States during (Rs. crores)			Nat [illegible] me
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Jawahar Rozgar Yogana component of the	2139.12	2000.95	1815.57	Minor Irigation is a scheme under which 20% funds are earmarked for Million Wells scheme since 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

Pay Phones in Delhi

5004. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided employment by allotting the STD/ISD/ pay phones to them in Delhi; and

(b) the norms for releasing such telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 876 STD/ISD Pay Phones are working in Delhi under Franchise Scheme. Under this scheme, some Pay phones are being operated by agencies and others by individuals. It is not possible to ascertain the exact number of persons employed by the franchisees. However, these would have provided employment at least 876 persons.

(b) Public Telephones are allotted liberally to all those who offer to operate it as per prescribed terms and conditions. It has been decided to provide Public Telephones upto 5% of the exchange capacity.

[*English*]

Post-Offices in Pilibhit, U.P.

5005. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-post offices in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of sub-post offices out of them which are running in buildings here there are no basic amenities like water, electricity etc.;

(c) whether the Government have received representations for providing the necessary basic facilities in these sub-post offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of sub post offices in ilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh is fourteen.

(b) Water and Electricity have been provided in all the 14 Post Offices. However, there are 6 Post Offices where toilet facilities is not available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Necessary action to provide toilet facility in the 6 Post Offices is under progress.

Production of Copper

5006. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production and demand of copper in the country;

(b) the quantity of copper imported to meet the demand; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by the Government to become self-sufficient in the production of copper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The indigenous production of copper metal in the country is about 50,000 tonnes per annum against the current annual demand of around 1.8 lakh tonnes.

(b) The quantity of copper and copper articles imported during the last three years as under:

Year	*Quantity ('000 Kg)*
1989-90	182493
1990-91	192258
1991-92(April-Dec.)	96172

(c) With the available and know ore reserves, it is not possible to be self-sufficient in copper through indigenous production in the near future. However, concerted efforts are being made to enhance the indigenous copper production. The important schemes proposed by Hindustan Copper Limited for enhancing the indigenous production for the VIIIth Plan subject to the availability of funds are:

I. Western Sector (Rajasthan):

i) Khetri smelter and refinery expansion from 31,000 to 45,000 tonnes per year.

ii) Kolihan mine expansion form 0.6 to 0.75 million tonnes of ore per year.

iii) Development of Banwas mine of 0.6 million tonnes of ore per year.

iv) Modernisation of the Khetri concentrator.

II Central Sector (Madhya Pradesh):

Expansion of Malanjkhand mine form 2 to 3 million tonnes of ore per year.

III Eastern Sector (Bihar):

i) Development of Chapri-Sidheswar Mine of 0.75 million tonnes capacity with a matching concentrator

ii) Expansion and modernisation of existing ICC Group of Mines in Singhbhum Belt.

Circulation of Assumes Newspapers

5007. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Assamese newspapers, with their average circulation utilised by the DAVP for advertisement during the last three years;

(b) the amount paid during each of this period, newspaper-wise; and

(c) the names of Assamese newspapers with comparable circulation which requested the DAVP for advertisements during the last three years and were not acceded to, with reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The names of Assamese newspapers with their average circulation, utilised by DAVP for advertisement during the last three years are given in the attached statement.

(b) The total amount paid to Assamese newspapers during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is given below:

1989-90	——	Rs. 8,14,766.00
1990-91	——	Rs. 10,44,07.00
1991-92	——	Rs. 16,70,302.00

(c) All the newspapers which request for advertisements and fulfill the minimum requirements laid down in the advertising policy are empanelled and given advertisements as per publicity requirements and availability of funds.

STATEMENT - I

List of Assamese Publications used for Government advertisments during 1989-90

Sl.No.	Name of Publication	City	Periodicity	Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Dainik Assam	Guwahati	Daily	45,669
2.	Dainik Janambhoomi	Jorhat	Daily	36,810
3.	Saptahik Nilachal	Guwahati	Weekly	7,236
4.	Janambhoomi Saptahik	Jorhat	Weekly	11,802
5.	Mahajati	Tejpur	Bi-Weekly	7,250
6.	Alok	Guwahati	Weekly	8,192
7.	Sandiniya nagarik	Guwahati	Weekly	22,004
8.	Agradoot	Guwahati	Bi-Weekly	42,073
9.	Na-Lakhimi	North Lakhimpur	Weekly	4,302
10.	Jankranti	Guwahati	Weekly	13,675
11.	Bismoi	Guwahati	Monthly	20,747

Sl.No.	Name of Publication	City	Periodicity	Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
12.	Janajiwan	Guwahati	Weekly	13,420
13.	Saptahik Dhansiri	Golaghat	Weekly	2,055
14.	Tadanta	Guwahati	Monthly	5,938
15.	Sadiniya prahari	Dispur	Weekly	7,215
16.	Mouchaq	Jorhat	Monthly	11,133
17.	Saptahik Mujahid	Guwahati	Weekly	8,624
18.	Sadiniya Batori	Guwahati	Weekly	7,495
19.	natun Dainik	Guwahati	Daily	12,655
20.	Ajir Asom	Guwahati	Daily	12,789
21.	Barpith	Barpeta	Weekly	10,484
22.	Samkaal	Guwahati	Fortnightly	52,317
23.	Sadin	Guwahati	Weekly	34,395
24.	Sutradhar	Guwahati	Fortnightly	11,518

Sl.No.	Name of Publication	City	Periodicity	Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
25.	prantik	Guwahati	Fortnightly	28,769
26.	Asom Spandan	Dibrugarh	Weekly	7,420
27.	Batabaran	Dibrugarh	Weekly	7,612
28.	Pabitra Assam	Guwahati	Weekly	10,452

STATEMENT - II

List of Assamese Publications Used by DAVP for Government Advrtisements during 1990-91

Sl.No	Name of Publication	City	Periodicity	Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Dainik Assam	Guwahati	Daily	38,269
2.	Dainik Janambhumi	Jorhat	Daily	35,826
3.	Janambhumi Saptahik	jorhat	Weekly	11,926
4.	Mahajati	Jezpur	Bi-Weekly	7,250
5.	Alok	Guwahati	Weekly	10,653
6.	Sadiniya nagarik	Guwahati	Weekly	24,624
7.	Agradoot	Guwahati	Bi-Weekly	42,624
8.	Na-lakhimi	North Lakhimpur	Weekly	5,074
9.	Bismgiven	Hadayetpur	Monthly	22,900
10.	Janajivan	Guwahati	Weekly	13,650
11.	Tadanta	Guwahati	Monthly	5,016

Sl.No	Name of Publication	City
1	2	3
12.	Mouchaq	Jorhat
13.	Saptahik Mujahid	Guwahati
14.	Natun Dainik	Guwahati
15.	Ajir Asom	Guwahatai
16.	Barpith	Barpeta
17.	Samakaal	Guwahati
18.	Sadin	Guwahati
19.	Sutradhar	Guwahati
20.	Prantik	Guwahati
21.	Asom Spandan	Dibrugarh
22.	Batabaran	Dibrugarh
23.	Pabitra Asom	Guwahati
24.	Anusandhan	Guwahati

Periodicity	*Circulation*
4	*5*
Monthly	11,833
Weekly	8,922
Daily	40,922
Daily	18,525
Weekly	10,484
Fortnightly	50,446
Weekly	56,730
Fortnightly	12,722
Fortnightly	22,176
Weekly	8,335
Weekly	7,612
Weekly	10,567
Fortnightly	9,023

Sl.No	Name of Publication	City	Periodicity	Circulation
1	2	3	4	5
25.	Purvanchal	Guwahati	Bi-Weekly	25,000
26.	Sadiniya Sambad	Tezpur	Weekly	6,602
27.	Purbanchal Batori	Tinsukia	Weekly	4,770

STATEMENT - III

List of Assamese Publication used for Government Advertisements during 1991-92

Sl.No.	*Name of Publication*	*City*	*Periodicity*	*Circulation*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Dainik Assam	Guwahati	Daily	38,245
2.	Dainik Janambhumi	Jorhat	Daily	40,119
3.	Mahajati	Tezpur	Bi-Weekly	7,250
4.	Alok	Guwahati	Weekly	8,192
5.	Sadiniya Nagarik	Guwahati	Weekly	24,475
6.	Agradoot	Guwahati	Bi-Weekly	42,073
7.	Na-Lakhimi	North Lakhimpur	Weekly	5,020
8.	Bismoi	Hadayetpur	Monthly	25,419
9.	Janajiwan	Guwahati	Weekly	14,890
10.	Saptahik-Dhansiri	Golaghat	Weekly	2,045

Development of Tourism in Karnataka

5008. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the Government of Karnataka for development of tourism;

(b) the number of proposals approved/ still pending;

(c) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the amount allocated for the purpose during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Central Department of Tourism has listed four projects/schemes for extending financial assistance during 1992-93 for an amount of Rs. 91.00 lakhs. Detailed proposals along with estimates have yet to be received from the State Government.

Anti Erosion Scheme

5009. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether erosion in some points of right bank of the Ganga down stream of Farakka Barrage has assumed alarming situation;

(b) whether the Government propose to take up any comprehensive anti erosion scheme for this area; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Erosion has taken place at some locations on the right bank of Ganga *downstream of Farakka Barrage. The* situation changes from time to time due to menadering nature of the river.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Vulnerable reaches have been identified and schemes costing Rs. 587.58 lakhs have already been executed.

P.C.O. in Balasore, Orissa

5010. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public call offices opened in Balasore district of Orissa remain out of order for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details with location and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Intermittently they had been out of order due to theft or wire and post materials.

(b) The List of LD Public Telephones in Balasore district which were affected by thefts are Bishnupur, Aruabad, Chhatrapur, Rag Berhampur and Bidipur.

(c) Case has been taken up with the police authorities regularly. Plans have been prepared to introduce radio systems of MARR type for all these L.D. Public Telephones.

Strength of pilots in IA, AI and Vayudoot

5011. *SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHUZANTYE*: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of pilots in Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Air India, category-wise;

(b) the number of pilots required every year to make up for resignations or otherwise; and

(c) the educational qualification required for each category of these pilots and the extant of training imparted to them before they take up their work?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The present strength or pilots in Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Air India is as under:

Indian Airlines		Vayudoot		Air India	
1		2		3	
Executive Pilots	-72	Captain	-44	Commander	-148
Line Pilots	-454	Ist	-70	Co-Pilots	-174
Trainee Pilots	-66	Trainee Pilot	-5	Trainee Pilot	-34
	592				356
		Sr. Pilot (Agro Aviation)	-5		
		Junior Pilot (Agro Aviation)	-7 +		
		Trainee Pilot (Agro Aviation)	-6 Helicopter Pilots		
			137		

(b) Requirement of pilots varies form year to year on the scale of operation.

(c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Education Qualifications and Training Given to Pilots in Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Air India

INDIAN AIRLINES

Educational qualifications

Matriculate or equivalent. Preference is given to graduates with Physics and Maths.

Training given

Candidates after selection as trainee pilot are sent for sumlator and practical flying training and later released as co-pilots on B-737 aircraft.

Vayudoot

Educational qualifications.

Matriculation or equivalent.

Training given.

The flying training on HS 748/F-27 is spread over 8 to 10 hours for a Captain and 10 to 15 hours for Co-Pilot. On Doranier it is from 6 to 8 hours for Captain and 8 to 12 hours for a Co-Pilot depending upon their progress.

AIR INDIA

Educational qualification

for Co-Pilot	-	SSC or equivalent
for trainee pilot	- -	should have passed (10+2) or equivalent examination.

Training given

Trainee pilots are given in-house ground technical jet orientation, simulator/flight training for 16 months. Co-Pilots are given 5 months training before being released for flying duties.

Fake Postal Stamps in Bombay

5012. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in March, 1992 a gang printing fake postal stamps was nabbed in Bombay:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss suffered by the Government on this account;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri L.D. Rajbhar postal Assistant of the Chakala MIDC Post Office detected fake postage stamps on two parcels presented by one Shri Namdeo Eknath Parab, an employee of Hybrid Electronics House, MIDC Plot No. F-17, Andheri Sadar, Krantigagar, Akur road, Kandiwali East, Bombay on 18.3.92. Parcels were detained on suspicion. The case was reported to the police. The police have prima facie established a racket involved in printing of fake stamps and also arrested seven persons alongwith off set printing machines, perforating machine, fake stamps worth Rs. 5,315/- and other accessories.

(c) The total value of the fake stamps brought into use is suspected to be Rs. 1,79,485/-

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Police have filed a criminal case in the Court of Law.

(f) Suitable instructions have been issued to all concerned to guard against issue of such fake stamps and nab anybody trying to sell/use the same.

[*Translation*]

Target/Achievement for STD/PCO

5013. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target fixed for installing STD/PCO during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the said target has been fully achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number out of them allotted to persons belonging to SC/ST and handicapped?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the attached statement which is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Sir, the targets have been exceeded last year.

(d) In some circles, there have been slight short-falls due to technical and material constraints.

(e) Under the current liberalised policy, Public Telephone are allotted, subject to technical feasibility, to all those who offer to ,operate as per prescribed norms. As. such no separate records based on castes/ category etc. are maintained.

STATEMENT

Targets/Achievements of STD Public Telephones

Sl.No.	Name of the circle.	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
		Targets/	Achiev ments	Targets/	Achiev, ments	Targets/	Achiev ments
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	500	270	700	701	400	822
2.	Assam	50	1	100	28	50	43
3.	Bihar	100	82	300	60	100	371
4.	Gujarat	400	71	1100	782	200	1082
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	50	9	50	7	50	25
6.	Kerala	500	279	500	635	200	673
7.	Karnataka	500	188	900	902	350	722
8.	Maharashtra (including Goa)	900	124	2400	797	1600	2223
9.	Madhya Pradesh	500	60	600	314	300	1233
10.	Orissa	100	14	200	30	50	233

Sl.No.	Name of the circle.	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
		Targets/	Achiev ments	Targets/	Achiev ments	Targets/	Achiev ments
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	Haryana	50	16	200	178	50	273
12.	Himachal Pradesh	50	102	100	7	50	10
13.	Punjab	150	38	450	462	200	537
14.	Rajasthan	150	8	400	63	100	519
15.	North Eastern (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram & Tripura)	50	24	100	10	50	76
16.	Tamil Nadu	900	915	2200	1649	1400	781
17.	Uttar Pradesh	500	122	1300	259	800	1357
18.	West Bengal	550	16	1800	59	750	340
19.	Delhi	500	56	16000	249	800	310
	Total	6500	2222	15000	7192	7500	11630

[*English*]

Birth Centenary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

5014. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special programme is being organised by his ministry on the occasion of the birth centenary year of Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). A statement is attached

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Details of programmes undertaken by organisations under the Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism during the Centenary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

1. Scholarships to the children of SC/ST employees.
2. Sponsoring of the SC/ST sports persons in the field of sports through the Sports Authority of India.
3. Introduction of a trophy for the best outgoing SC/ST candidates from the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad.
4. Organising painting competitions for the children of employees.
5. Essay competitions on works of Dr. Ambedkar, poems recitations etc.
6. Cycling expedition form Bombay airport to the birth place of Dr. Aambedkar (Mahu) and back.
7. Free joy ride to the children of economically and socially backward sections by the Bombay flying Club.
6. Screening of Dr. Ambedkar films and procurement of literature for libraries.
9. Adult literacy, lectures and plantation campaigns.
10. Displaying pictures and quotations of Dr.. Ambedkar at airports.
11. Brining out a commemorative issue of the Indian Airlines House Journal 'Vimanika' Carrying Dr. Ambedkar's picture on the front page and articles on his life, works and teachings.
12. Setting up Civil Aviation Pavillion at the exhibition-cum-fair called " Dr. Ambedkar Mela " at Ram Lila ground Delhi.

Projects undertaken by Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited

5015. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects undertaken by the Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited;

(b) the year in which the projects were undertaken in each State;

(c) whether any project has been undertaken in West Bengal by the undertaking;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Control of Ropar Harike and Ferozpur Headworks

5016. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the control of Ropar, Harike and Ferozpur Headworks should rest with Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) as per the agreement;

(b) whether despite that the Government of Punjab has not handed over these BBMB; and

(c) if so, the direction given by the Centre to the Government of Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The control of the Headworks in question remains to be transferred, to the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). The Punjab Government have confirmed supplies of water to Rajasthan and Haryana based on the principles of distribution decided by the Technical Committee of the BBMB.

Irrigation Facilities in Chandigarh

5017. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for development of irrigation facilities taken up for the Union Territory of Chandigarh; and

(b) the total area of agricultural land supplied water at present by the Chandigarh Administration?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) and (b). As per the information furnished by the Chandigarh Administration agricultural land is shrinking fast in U.T. Chandigarh on account of large scale acquisition of land for urbanisation. However, out of 3210 ha. of agricultural land in UT villages, 1626 ha. have already been provided irrigation facilities including 10 ha. brought under irrigation during the current financial year 1992-93. An additional area of 90 ha. is proposed to be brought under irrigation during the 8th Five Yea Plan (1992-97).

There is a budget provision of Rs. 20 lakhs for increasing irrigation facilities in UT Chandigarh during the year 1992-93. A total outlay of Rs. 100 lakhs shall be provided far the 8th Five Year Plan for this purpose.

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Employees in NTPC Power projects in Punjab

5018. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Ferozepur): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in NTPC thermal power projects in Punjab category-wise;

(b) the number of employees among *them;*

(c) whether the quota reserved for SC/ST has been filled up; and

(d) if not, the reason therefore and the time by which it is likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The National Thermal Power Corporation does not have any thermal power project in Punjab.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Reservation Booking by Sales Agent

5019. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated July 14, 1992 regarding fictitious bookings of Indian Airlines flights;

(b) if so, the facts, thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has reported that there is no evidence to suggest that its reservation system is being manipulated by making fictitious bookings.

(c) Indian Airlines has strengthened its control functions in its reservations system and there is closer monitoring to ensure that no fictitious bookings are made on its services.

Environmental Management by Sail

5020. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the details of amount earmarked by the Steel Authority of India Limited on environment protection and pollution Control measures over the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): According to Steel Authority of India Limited the amount earmarked for different steel plants for environment management programmes over the VIII Plan Period is Rs. 640.00 crores. The plant-wise details are as under:-

(a) Bhilai Steel plant	Rs.	218.00 crores
(b) Durgapur Steel Plant	Rs.	87.00 crores
(c) Rourkela Steel Plant	Rs.	176.00 crores
(d) Bokaro Steel Plant	Rs.	86.00 crores
(e) Indian iron and Steel Co.	Rs.	73.00 crores
Total:	Rs.	640.00 crores

[*Translation*]

Canalising of Rivulets in U.P.

5021. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to canalise the rivulets in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for postponing this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The schemes are not considered to be techno-economically viable.

[*English*]

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Assam

5022. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Proposal from medium and major irrigation projects received by the Union Government from the Government of Assam during the last three years;

(b) how many of them are cleared so far by the Union Government;

(c) the reasons for not clearing the remaining projects; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government of Assam has sent proposals of 3 major and 5 medium irrigation projects during the last three years from July 1989 to June 1992 for techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission.

(b) and (c). After examination, 3 major projects namely Pagladiya Garufulla and Doyang and 4 medium projects namely Simen, Krishnai, Dikhow and Burai were sent back to the State Government due to basic planning deficiencies relating to water availability, design flood, inter-State aspects, environment and forest clearance. On the fifth project, namely Burisuti, as a follow up of the meeting of the Officers of Central Water Commission held in February, 1992, the State Government is required to send compliance to the comments of Central Water Commission on water availability, design flood, conjunctive utilisation of surface and ground waters and international aspect.

(d) The investment clearance of projects depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies, resolves inter-State issues, obtain clearances of environment, forest and rehabilitation and resettlement aspects from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Welfare, and make provision of adequate funds in the Plan.

Thermal Plant in Kanyakumari

5023. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) Whether the Government propose to set up a thermal Power Plant in Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No proposal for installation of a Thermal Power Station at Kanyakumari has been received from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

[*Translation*]

Mining of Diamond in Orissa

5024. ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to State:

(a) whether Union Government have handed over the mining of diamond in Orissa to some foreign/indigenous multinational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the employees in working those mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

New Circle Office Building at Bhubaneswar

5025. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 483 on November 25, 1991 and State:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has agreed to allot necessary land nears to the existing circle office at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said building is likely to be constructed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Exchanges in Rural Areas in Bihar

5026. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have set up telephone exchanges in rural areas during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof:

(c) whether all these telephone exchanges have since started functioning;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the locations where such telephone exchanges are likely to be set up during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed Statement -I.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Locations are given in the enclosed Statement - II

STATEMENT - I

District wise details of New Exchanges in Rural area set up during 1991-92.

Sl.No.	Name of District	Name of new exchanges opened	No. of location
1	2	3	4
1.	Saharsa	Rangaon, SaurBazar	2
2.	Muzaffarpur	Madhopur, Turki	2
3.	Darbhanga	Raiyam, Baheri	3
4.	Aurangabad	Obra, Madanpur	2
5.	Bokaro	Kathra, Lalpania	2
6.	Hazaribagh	Chandwara, Jhumra, Jainagar Rajrappa, Ichak, Barkataha, Cherhi, Arkhanga)	
7.	Purnea	Harda	1
8.	Singhbhum (W)	Gua, Noamuda, Jaganathpur,	3
9.	Patna	Deepnagar Denyawan, Simra	3

Sl.No.	Name of District	Name of new exchanges opened	No. of location
1	2	3	4
10.	Madhubani	Arer, Kaluahi, Tulapataganj	3
11.	Dhanbad	Kundra, Baliapur, Rajganj, Baghmara, Mugma.	3
12.	Chatra	Simaria	1
13.	Giridhih	Benabad	1
14.	Ranchi	Meccluskiganj, Nagari	2
15.	Gaya	Cherka	1
16.	Vaishali	Vaishali	1
17.	Begusarai	Bachwara	1
18.	Araria	Jokihat	1
19.	Munger	Kajara, Bariarpur	2
20.	Bhagalpur	Pithna, Sajour, Sajadpur, Akbarnagar	4
21.	Supaul	Kishanpur	1

Sl.No.	*Name of District*	*Name of new exchanges opened*	*No. of location*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
22.	Siwan	Barharla	1
23.	Singhbhum (E)	Baharagora	1
24.	Rohtas	Dlnara	1
	Total		51

Telephone Connections in Bhopal on priority Basis

5027. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State:

(a) whether any irregularities have been noticed in the installation of new telephone connections sanctioned on priority basis in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Documents submitted by some applicants for 'SS' category telephone connections appeared to be not genuine. On investigations, it was found that in 25 cases the documents submitted for the sanction of telephones on out of turn basis under 'SS' category were found to be fake.

(c) Seventeen telephones installed under 'Non-OYT-SS' category on the basis of fake documents have been disconnected after due notice and in eight cases connections have been withheld.

STATEMENT - II

Locations where Telephone exchanges are likely to be set up during 1992-93

Sl.No.	*Location*
1	*2*
1.	Karetari
2.	Tanduwa
3.	Churchu
4.	Sultana
5.	Bahriachangar
6.	Giddi
7.	Pandu
8.	Barkatha
9.	Tenughat
10.	Gaday
11.	Janua
12.	Deori
13.	Bimi
14.	Gawan
15.	Itkhori
16.	Markacho
17.	Pirtarn
18.	Sadgama
19.	Nawadih
20.	Badam
21.	Kolbira
22.	Bano
23.	Baria
24.	Raidih
25.	Chanipur
26.	Bishunpur

Sl.No.	*Location*
1	*2*
27.	Ghaghra
28.	mahuanagar
29.	Garu
30.	Tantnagar
31.	Majhaon
32.	Kuchai
33.	Ichagarh
34.	Jalidih
35.	Mahuda
36.	karon
37.	Maheshmunda
38.	Nunihat
39.	Mahgama
40.	Maharajpur
41.	Chakai
42.	Ghosi
43.	Islampur
44.	Khurtha
45.	Dhanora
46.	Silao
47.	Rupauli
48.	Azamnagar
49.	Chausa
50.	Narainpur
51.	Bihpur
52.	Majorganj
53.	Chorai
54.	Kotya
55.	Sidha
56.	Ghangh
57.	Bathnaha
58.	Bajopatti
59.	Simri
60.	Landina.

[*English*]

Vacancies in Thermal Plants of Delhi

5028. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether a large number of vacancies of beldars and khalase are lying vacant in Badarpur and Rajghat thermal power stations since long;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether candidates sponsored by the employment exchange have been called for interview/selections;

(d) if so, the number of SC/ST candidates among them; and

(e) the time by which these vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e). A number of vacancies of Beldars (now designated as Assistant Line Mate Gr. II) and of Khalasis (now designated as Generation Mate Gr. II) which have occurred from time to time, were not filled by DESU due to economy measures. To meet the present requirements, DESU had notified 317 vacancies in these grades to the Employment Exchange on 21.2.1992. Out of this, 48 vacancies are reserved for SC and 24 for ST candidates. The candiates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been asked to furnish their bio-data etc. Holding of interviews/process of selection of candidates is likely to take 3-4 months after the finalisation of names of candiates to be called for interview etc. No such posts are vacant in Badarpur Thermal Power Station.

Import of Films

5029. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to State:

(a) the number of films imported by Government annually during the last three years alongwith the procedure for import;

(b) whether the erstwhile import procedure of films is likely to be affected with the coming of new import policy; and

(c) if so, the likely impact on the indigenous film industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The number of films imported by various importing agencies through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) during the last three years is as under:-

Importing Agency	*1989-90*	*1990-91*	*1991-92*
Motion Pictures Export Association of America	62	58	39
Private Indian Parties	26	26	9
Sovexport film	3	2	1
Non-resident Indians	21	2	3
N.F.D.C.	62	33	21

The films were imported in terms of the provisions of Film Import Policy dated 21.1.88.

(b) Import of feature films has since been decanalised with effect from 1.4.92. However, procedure for import of feature films, consequent to decanalisation, is being finalised by the Government and is likely to be notified shortly.

(c) All precautions are being taken to protect the interest of the indigenous film industry. Only good and aesthetic cinemas shall be permitted to be imported as stipulated in the Film Import Policy of January 21, 1988.

Hydro-Electric Power Generation

5030. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) the estimated potential of Hydro-electric power generation in the North Eastern States, state-wise;

(b) the present power generation capacity and the projects under construction alongwith their estimated power generations, state-wise;

(c) whether all the projects in the region are under NEEPCO (North Eastern Electric Power Corporation) or any other State/Central agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any private companies have taken up and projects in the region so far or any State Government has invited foreign companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The estimated hydro power potential in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise, is as follows:-

Sl.No.	State	Hydro power potential at 60% Load Factor (MW)
1.	Assam	351.00
2.	Meghalaya	1070.00
3.	Tripura	9.00
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	26756.00
5.	Manipur	1176.00
6.	Mizoram	1455.00
7.	Nagaland	1040.00
	Total	31857.00

In the North-Eastern Region, at present, small and large hydel power projects numbering 9 (nine), of an aggregate installed capacity of 455.2 MW, are in operation and 8 (eight) of an aggregate installed capacity of 644,95 MW are in various stages of construction, in the Central and State Sectors. The details are given in the enclosed statement I & II respectively.

(e) and (f). So far, no private company has taken up any power project in the North-Eastern Region. The Government of Assam have advertised the following projects for private sector participation:

(1) Amguri CCGT - 360 MW

(2) Namrup TPS open/combined cycle - 60 MW

(3) Bashkandi Open Cycle - 22.5 MW

(4) Admtilla Open Cycle - 15 MW

A proposal has been submitted for a joint venture with the North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation for a 100 MW gas-based Power Project in Tripura.

STATEMENT - I

List of Small and large Hydel Power Projects in operation in the North Eastern region

Sl.No.	Name of the project	State/Organsation	Installed Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4
	CENTRAL SECTOR		
1.	Khondong	Assam/NEEPCO	50
2.	Kopili	Assam/Neepco	100
3.	Loktak	Manipur/NHPC	105
	STATE SECTOR		
4.	Umiam-I	Meghalaya	36.8
5.	Umiam Mutru-II	Meghalaya	18.0
6.	Umiam Umtru -III	Meghalaya	60.0
7.	Umtru	Meghalaya	11.2
8.	Umiam Umtru *	Meghalaya	60.0
9.	Gumti	Mripura	15.0
	Total		455.2

Unit-I rolled on 25.6.92

Unit-II rolled on 22.6.92

STATEMENT - II

List of Small and large Hydel Power Projects under construction in the North Eastern region

Sl.No.	*Name of the Project*	*State/Organsation*	*Installed Capacity (MW)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	CENTRAL SECTOR		
1.	Doyang	NEEPCO/Nagaland	75
2.	Ranganadi St. I	NEECPO/Arunachal Pradesh	405
	STATE SECTOR		
3.	Likim-Ro	Nagaland	24
4.	Nuranang	Arunachal Pradesh	6
5.	Dhansiri	Assam	19.95
6.	Lower borpani (Karbi Langpi)	Assam	100
7.	Dalaima	Assam	6.00
8.	Serlui-B	Mizoram	9.00
		Total	644.95

[*Translation*]

Power Generation in U.P. in Eighth Plan

5031. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) the installed capacity of power projects in Uttar Pradesh as on January, 1992;

(b) whether Uttar Pradesh is, one of the States facing shortage of power; and

(c) if so, proposals included in the Eighth Five-Year Plan to increase power generation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The installed generating capacity in Uttarpradesh as on 31st January, 1992, was 5527.24 MW comprising 1432.55 MW hydro, 4094.69 MW thermal. Besides this the Central Sector stations having installed capacity of 4367 MW comprising of 3912 MW thermal and 455 MW nuclear as on 31.1.1992 were also located in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) During the period April-June, 1992 the energy shortage in Uttar pradesh was 12.8% as against the all-India deficit of 10.1%.

(c) Various measures being taken to augment power generation in Uttar Pradesh during the 8th Five Year Plan include; (1) commissioning of new generating capacities (2) assistance to the Electricity Board in undertaking Plant Betterment Programme (3) Renevation and Modernisation of old generating units (4) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses (5) Reducing auxiliary power consumption etc.

Conversion of Manually operated Exchanges into Electronics

5032. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State:

(a) the district-wise number of the manually operated telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh, at present; and

(b) the time by which these exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) District-wise number of manually operated telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

	District		Name of exchange
1.	Dehradun	1.	Rishikesh
2.	Rampur	1.	Bilaspur
3.	Nainital	1.	Haldwani
		2.	Kathgodam
4.	Moradabad	1.	Almora
		2.	Chandausi
5.	Bijnore	1.	Dhampur
		2.	Nazibabad
6.	Jaunpur	1.	Shanganj

(b) By March, 1993.

Telephones to Village Panchayats In Bihar

5033. SHRI SHIV SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations where telephone exchanges have been set up in Muzuffarpur and Vaishali of North Bihar and the progress made in setting up of electronic exchanges;

(b) the number of village panchayats in Bihar provided with telephone facility at present, district-wise;

(c) the number of the panchayats in each district without telephone facility; and

(d) the time by which the telephone facility is likely to be provided in the remaining panchayats in each district?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details are given in the attached Statement - I.

(b) and (c). Details are given in the attached Statement-II.

(d) By March, 1995.

STATEMENT - I

Location of Telephone Exchanges set up in Muzaffarpur and Vaishali Districts of North Bihar

Sl.No.	*Name of Exchange*	*Type of Exchange*
1	*2*	*3*
	Muzaffarpur District	
1.	Muzafferpur	Electro-Mechanical
2.	Narma	-do-
3.	Aurai	-do-
4.	Bochaha	-do-
5.	Karnual	-do-
6.	Jaitpur	-do-
7.	Deoria	-do-
8.	Minapur	-do-
9.	Motipur	Electronic
10.	Dhali	-do-
11.	Kanti	-do-

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange	Type of Exchange
1	2	3
12.	Kurhani	-do-
13.	Madhopur	-do-
14.	Turki	-do-
	VAISHALI DISTRICT	
1.	Mahnar	Electro-Mechanical
2.	Patepur	-do-
3.	Jamdaha	-do-
4.	Hajipur	Electronic
5.	Mahua	-do-
6.	Dalganj	-do-
7.	Sarai	-do-
8.	Bhagwanpur	-do-
9.	Desari	-do-

Sl.No.	Name of Exchange	Type of Exchange
1	2	3
10.	Goraul	-do-
11.	Bidupur	-do-
12.	Vaishali	-do-

STATEMENT - II

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayat	No.of Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 30.6.92	No. of Panchayats without Telephone facility as on 30.6.92
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Aurangabad	236	55	181
2.	Bhagalpur	291	72	219
3.	patna	367	80	287
4.	Banka	146	62	84
5.	B.S. City	43	35	8
6.	Dhanbad	184	80	104
7.	Giridih	324	88	236
8.	Hazaribagh	298	90	208
9.	Chatra	96	60	36
10.	Palamu (Daltonganj)	202	65	137
11.	Garhwa	177	38	139

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayat	No.of Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 30.6.92	No. of Panchayats without Telephone facility as on 30.6.92
1	2	3	4	5
12.	Ranchi	364	115	249
13.	Gumla	310	50	260
14.	Lohardaga	67	27	40
15.	Rohtas	278	64	214
16.	Bhabhua	159	45	114
17.	B. Deoghar	140	40	100
18.	Godda	147	38	109
19.	Sahebganj	230	38	192
20.	Dumka	283	45	238
21.	Singhbhum (E) (Jamshedpur)	150	90	60
22.	Singhbhum (W) (Chaibasa)	323	98	225

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayat	No.of Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 30.6.92	No. of Panchayats without Telephone facility as on 30.6.92
1	2	3	4	5
23.	Gaya	365	72	293
24.	Jehanabad	148	42	106
25.	Nawadah	174	42	132
26.	begusarai	251	110	141
27.	Khagaria	150	76	74
28.	Darbhanga	327	76	251
29.	Madhubani	371	200	171
30.	Muzaffarpu	321	166	155
31.	Samastipur	337	196	141
32.	Saharsa	181	47	134
33.	Champaran (E) Motihari	397	190	207

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayat	No.of Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 30.6.92	No. of Panchayats without Telephone facility as on 30.6.92
1	2	3	4	5
34.	Champaran (W) (Bettiah)	345	210	135
35.	Munger	272	90	182
36.	Jamui	153	61	92
37.	Sitamarhi	299	176	123
38.	Purnea	234	56	178
39.	Katihar	220	80	140
40.	Araria	193	157	36
41.	Kishanganj	118	43	75
42.	Supaul	155	80	75
43.	Madhepura	189	91	98
44.	Siwan	306	120	186

Sl.No.	Name of District	No. of Panchayat	No.of Panchayats with Telephone facility as on 30.6.92	No. of Panchayats without Telephone facility as on 30.6.92
1	2	3	4	5
45.	Gopalganj	241	88	153
46.	Vaishali	258	99	159
47.	Nalanda	214	109	105
48.	Bhojpur	248	104	144
49.	Buxar	152	100	52
50.	Chapra	138	124	204
	Total	11,762	4,380	7,382

[*English*]

Schemes to Improve Radio and T.V. Coverage in the Region

5034. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a number of schemes to improve radio and T.V. coverage and to strengthen the existing network of AIR and Doordarshan in the north eastern region;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the details of its implementation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). In order to strengthen the Radio/TV coverage, a number of AIR/TV projects are at various stages of implementation in the North-Eastern Region. The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

A. ALL INDIA RADIO

i) New Radio Stations/ Local Radio Stations

ii) upgradation of power of existing transmitters

Additional transmiters

Estimated cost of these projects

B. DOORDARSHAN

i) High Power Transmitters with Studio facilities

ii) High Power Transmitter

iii) Low Power Transmitters/Very Low Power Transmitters

iv) Programme production and feeding centre

Estimated cost of these projects

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14 (1 already commissioned)

6 (1 already commissioned)

2

Rs. 62.33 crores

8 (8 HPTs excluding
studio facilities
commissioned)

3

19 (11 commissioned)

1

Rs. 61.07 crores

Vamanapuram Irrigation Project

5035. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any proposal for inclusion of the Vamanapuram irrigation project among the minor irrigation projects in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and amount earmarked therefor;

(c) whether environmental clearance has been given to the above project; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). While the Government of Kerala has proposed an outlay of Rs. 15.00 crores for Vamanapuram Medium Irrigation Project, the Working Group of the Planning Commission has recommended an outlay of Rs. 33.00 crores for the VIII Plan.

(c) it being a medium project, does not require clearance from environmental angle. The proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forests Conservation Act, 1980 has not been received at the Centre.

(d) T e project is scheduled for completion in the VIII Plan.

[*Translation*]

Distribution of Yamuna Water

5036. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to State:

(a) whether a meeting of concerned Chief Ministers was held on July 18, 1992 in regard to the distribution of Yamuna water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned chief Ministers agreed to set up a Yamuna Water Board to resolve the issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when it is likely to be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The meeting of the concerned Chief Ministers of the Yamuna Basin States and the Lt. Governor of Delhi was held on 19th July, 92.

(b) In pursuance of the decisions taken in the meeting held on 28th March, 1992, further discussions on the construction of proposed Renuka dam, parallel channel for Delhi, Hathnikund Parrage, Kishau dam and on the matters concerning apportionement of Yamuna waters for drinking water purpose took place in the Inter-State meeting held on 19th July, 1992. There was broad consensus of approach amongst the States practically on all the associated issues and it was decided that the one more meeting of the Technical officers will be taken by the Chairman, Central Water Commission for sorting out some of the gaps in the information and data and to reassess carefully the figures of use and availability of water from the Yamuna river upto Okhla. It was also agreed that the next inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers will be held on 17th August, 1992 for taking a final decision on all the issues.

As per the above decision, Chairman, Central Water Commission held a meeting with the technical officers of the Basin States on 29th July, 1992.

(c) to (e). In the meeting held on 28.3.92, all the States agreed on the setting up of. Yamuna River Board for the co-ordinated *development and management of river Yamuna. The set up of this proposed Board* was circulated in the meeting held on 19th July, 1992 for discussion in the next inter-State meeting scheduled on 17th August, 1992.

[*English*]

Animation Shorts and Feature Films by N.F.D.C

5037. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will theMinister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to State:

(a) the number of films produced and screened by the National Film Development Corporation during last three years including animation shorts and animation feature films;

(b) whether any financial assistance is given by the Corporation for construction of cinema theatres in the country; and

(c) if so, the amount of assistance given *during each of the last three years?*

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) During the last three years (Upto July, 1992), National Film Development Corporation has produced 12 films on its own and had screened (released) 10 films out of these. NFDC has not produced any animation short or animation feature film during the last three years. Besides producing films on its now, NFDC also produces films in collaboration with Doordarshan and other parties and finances production of films.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The amount of loans sanctioned and disbursed (including disbursement of part loans relating to prior years) during the last three years is as follows:

Year	*Amount sanctioned*	*Amount disbursed*
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1989-90	94.50	9.89
1990-91	Nil	29.08
1991-92	116.50	20.25

It may be stated that in several cases loans which have been sanctioned have not been lifted as yet owing to formalities not having been completed by the applications.

Overseas Development Agency Assistance for Hirakund Hydro-Electric Project

5038. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overseas development agency has agrred to provide funds for the modernisation of Hirkund Hydro-electric Projects in Orissa;

(b) if so, the amount likely to be obtained from Overseas Development Agency (ODA) for that above mentioned project of Orissa;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the release of fund for the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Overseas Development Agency (O.D.A.) have agreed, in principle, to provide funds for the renovation and modernisation of Units 1 & 2 of the Hirakud-I hydro-electric power station. The tentative amount has been estimated at 16 million.

(c) and (d). Discussions have taken place with the ODA authorities, including with the ODA Appraisal Mission which visited India in July, 1992, with a view to early finalization of assistance for the project.

Telephones on priority Basis in Rajasthan

5039. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections sanctioned on priority basis in Rajasthan during the last three years including Jaipur;

(b) whether these connections have been provided;

(c) if so, the district-wise details thereof including Jaipur; and

(d) if not, the time by which these telephone connections are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Exchange At Koduvally in Kerala

5040. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the telephone exchange, at Koduvally, Kozhikode district in Kerala;

(b) by when it is proposed to be opened; and

(c) by when the STD facility is proposed to be provided in Koduvally?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). An electro-mechanical automatic telephone exchange is already working and the same is planned to be replaced by electronic exchange of 1,000 lines (RLU) by middle of 8th Plan

(c) During the current year.

Joint Sector Power Plant at Jayan Kondam in Tamil Nadu

5041. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the thermal power project at Jayan Kondam in Tamil Nadu in joint sector has been cleared by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE Minister of POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Temporary Connections to Private Construction Companies

5042. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU has incurred the wrath of Delhi Court in the matter of allowing power supply to private construction companies on the basis of temporary connections valid for only two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of financial loss suffered by DESU on this; and

(c) the number of such other cases taking place during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Court of Sub-Judge Delhi in its order dated 6.3.1992 has made observations for allowing a temporary power connection to a private construction company for a period of about 8 years, though the connection was valid for only 2 months. The Court has directed that in addition to taking action against the said construction company for voilation of law, DESU may also initiate action against the consemed employees who were negligent of their duties in this regard.

(b) and (c). According to DESU, the temporary connection granted to the said private construction company from 28.11.1984 to 10.1.1985, could not be disconnected in view of the interim orders of the Court and the connection was disconnected on 8.3.1992 in persuance of the orders of the Court. DESU has already sent a bill for Rs. 1,43,636/- to the said company and action has been initiated to recover the dues in terms of Section 455 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957. No other similar case has come to the notice of DESU pertaining to the past three years.

Resumption of Vayudoot Services to Hyderabad

5043. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot Services in Hyderabad have been disrupted;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to resume the Vayudoot Services to Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Due to non-availability of aircraft, Vayudoot operations from Hyderabad remained suspended from 7.7.92 to 14.7.92

(c) The services were restored from 15.7.92.

World Bank Assistance for Drainage works in West Godavari

5044. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of World Bank assistance made for the drainage works in West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of such works which have been started; and

(c) the present stage of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telecast of 'Today in Parliament' in Regional Languages

5045. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to broadcast 'Sansad Samachar' "Today in Parliament" news in regional languages from the respective Doordarshan Kendras in the various States;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c). On account of constraints on telecast time, resources and manpower.

Investment in Kolar Goldfields

5046. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

the total investment made by the Government in the Kolar Goldfields and its running annual expenditure on mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): As on 31.3.1992 the Central Government had made a total investment of Rs. 9919 lakhs in its public sector company Bharat Gold Mines Limited which is engaged in mining of gold in Kolar and some other areas. The investment comprises of equity of Rs. 4606 lakhs, Plan loan of Rs. 4618 lakhs and Non-Plan Loan of Rs. 695 lakhs.

The Yearwise total expenditure of this mining Company during the last 5 years is as under:-

(Rs. in cores)

Year	*Expenditure*
1987-88	49.38
1988-89	55.84
1989-90	76.63
1990-91	79.04
1991-92 (Provisional)	91.66

Theft of Telephone Cables

5047. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6323 on April 6, 92 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the cases of theft of telephone cables have since been decreased; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Details are as follows:

a) Rs. 2,57,70,842.00 (Rupees two crore fifty seven lakhs sevanty thousand, eight hundred and forty two only)

b) As per Statement attached.

c) FIR is lodged with local police in each case.

d) Most of the cases are under investigation by the police authorities.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. As per the details collected for three years and indicated in Annexure, it is seen that cases of thefts are on the increase.

STATEMENT

Theft of Telephone Cables in Country

Value in Rupees.

Sl.No	*Name of State*	*1989*	*1990*	*1991*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2,79,193	1,21,709	93,600
2.	Karanataka	2,94,516	3,56,651	4,17,988
3.	Haryana	1,00,000	14,560	54,800
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1,82,600	1,97,860	1,11,700
5.	Punjab	6,35,627	35,255	3,02,500
6.	Kerala	2,96,740	1,29,046	2,34,020
7.	Tamil Nadu	18,495	1,07,215	30,560
8.	Rajasthan	Nil	11,240	1,02,325
9.	Assam	Nil	22,713	2,17,640
10.	Orissa	27,97,325	7,21,286	33,08,809

Sl.No	Name of State	1989	1990	1991
1	2	3	4	5
11.	Bihar	14,543	1,35,974	14,77,764
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2,84,480	11,35,192	6,79,917
13.	West Bengal	2,39,595	1,80,200	1,59.270
14.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	45,900
15.	Gujarat	4,730	6,06,222	1,39,275
16.	Uttar Pradesh	2,32,725	1,35,890	12,65,251
17.	Maharashtra	1,60,792	91,490	4,24,355
18.	Goa	91,215	89,610	8,000
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	17,900	1,52,940	6,93,760
20.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	5,000	1,81,100
21.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil
22.	Meghalaya	45,748	6,600	1,70,340

Sl.No	Name of State	1989	1990	1991
1	2	3	4	5
23.	Mizoram	Nil	1,300	3,900
24.	Nagaland	Nil	55,000	2,45,000
25.	Tripura	10,200	14,00	2,11,550

Sl.No	Name of Metro city	1989	1990	1991
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Delhi			
2.	Bombay	2,54,526	13,100	2,64,501
3.	Calcutta	6,10,102	14,67,695	2,67,540
4.	Madras	65,535	1,38,904	3,21,395
	Total Value	69,60101	68,01,042	1,20,09,699
	-Rs. 2,57,70,842			

(Rupees two crores fifty seven lacs sevently thousand Eight hundreds and forty two only)

Modernisation and Expansion of IISCO Kulti Works

5048. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will theMinister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernisation and expansion of IISCO's Kulti works;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Due to inadequate availability of plan funds for meeting the capital expenditure requirements of IISCO, especially on modoernisation of the Burnpur Steel Works, Government are currently engaged in exploring possibilities of private participation in IISCO. Appropriate measures vis-a-vis Kulti Works will be considered in the light of the results of the on-going exploration of possibilities of private participation in IISCO.

[*Translation*]

Upgradation of Air Station, Agra

5049. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will theMinister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to upgrade and of increase range of AIR station at Agra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether in view of the importance of Agra as an international tourist centre the Government propose to present some special programmes on Akashwani, Agra to acquaint the tourists with the cultural heritage of the place;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. All India Radio has a scheme to upgrade the power of the existing 10 KW MW transmitter at Agra to 20 KW MW.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). AIR, Agra broadcasts programmes periodically to acquaint the tourists with the cultural heritage of the place. Thirteen such programmes were broadcast by AIR, Agra during the period 1.1.92 to 31.7.92.

(f) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Applications Received by Central Board of Film Certification

5050. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Central Board of Film Certification during 1989-90, 1990-91, & 1991-92;

(b) the number of applications rejected by the Board during the above period and reasons thereof:

(c) the number of applications out of them went in appeal to the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal; and

(d) the number of applications cleared

by the Appellate Tribunal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The number of applications received for certification in respect of Indian feature films and foreign feature films (celluloid) during the calendar years 1989, 1990, 1991 and upto June 1992 are as under:

	Indian	*Foreign*
1989	817	176
1990	971	156
1991	909	104
1992 (upto June)	368	36

(b) During the above period, 75 Indian feature films and 38 foreign feature films were refused certificates as they violated one or more Film Certification Guidlines issued by the Central Government.

(c) and (d). During the above period, 38 appeals against refusal of certificate in respect of Indian feature films were received by the Film Certification Apellate Tribunal. Out of these, 30 appeals were allowed and 8 were dismissed. In respect of foreign feature films, 29 appeals were received. Out of these, 18 appeals were allowed, 10 were dismissed and one is pending decision.

[*Translation*]

DVC Power Supply to Bokaro Steel Plant

5051. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for irregular supply of Power by the Damodar Valley Corporation to the Bokaro steel plant during the month of May, 1992;

(b) the number of days for which this irregular supply had been continued and the extent to which the production was affected as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Power Supply to Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) was irregular during the month of May, 1992, due to deficit power supply position in the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) system.

(b) Power supply was restricted throughout the day on nine days and was restricted for durations varying from 4 to 20 hours in a day on nineteen days. Due to power related problems, BSL claims to have lost saleable steel production of 36,360 tonnes during the month of May, 1992.

(c) In order to mitigate the effects of power shortage conditions, in addition to its allocated share of 94 MW (15%) and 40.5 MW (15%) from Central Sector Farakka STPS and Chukha HEPS in Bhutan, assistance is being provided to DVC from unallocated output of above stations.

[*English*]

Studio Facility at Aurangabad T.V. Centre

5052. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide studio facility at Aurangabad T.V. Centre in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the time by whch the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the reasources constraints, it has been decided to consolidate and operation alise the existing studios and those in the pipaline, before establishing additional TV Studio Centres in the Country.

Sanction of Post Offices in Bihar

5053. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) the locations of branch post offices, sub post offices and extra departmental post offices sanctioned for Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of such offices actually functioning as on March, 31, 1992; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in setting up of the sanctioned do Post offices so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Only extra departmental branch post offices have been sanctioned and opened in the districts of Kishanjanj, Araria and Purnea in the last three years as per details given in the attached Statement-I.

(b) The number of post offices functioning in Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts as on 31.3.92 is given at Statement-II.

(c) All the new post offices sanctioned in the last three years for the districts of Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea have been opened and there has been no delay in this regard.

STATEMENT-I

Location of post offices sanctioned in the three districts of Kishenganj, Araria and Pumea of Bihar during the last three years i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 & 1991-92

Name of District	*Sl.No.*	*Location of the post office.*	*Type of the post office.*
1	2	3	4
Kishanganj Dist.	1.	Netuapara	Extra Departmental Branch Post Office
	2.	Bagalhari	-do-
	3.	Mirzapur	-do-
	4.	Sirsee	-do-
Araria Distt.	1.	Mohini	-do-
	2.	Karakia	-do-
	3.	Chiknighat	-do-
	4.	Bansgharasrampur	-do-
	5.	Mehndipur	-do-
	6.	Mahasally	-do-

Name of District	Sl.No.	Location of the post office.	Type of the post office.
1	2	3	4
Pumea Distt.	1.	Akharthapa	-do-
	2.	Ekraha	-do-
	3.	Chandpur	-do-
	4.	Bangah	-do-
	5.	Naulakhi	-do-
	6.	Sohangaon	-do-
	7.	Mansuria	-do-
	8.	Chokta	-do-
	9.	Tetrahi	-do-
	10.	Khoksa	-do-

STATEMENT-II

No. of post ofices functioning in the three districts of Kishenganj, Araria and Purnea, categorywise as on 31.3.92

Sl.No	Name of District	Head Post Office	Departmental Sub Post Offices	Extra Department Branch Post Offices
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kishenganj	Nil	7	77
2.	Araria	Nil	13	144
3.	Purnea	1	20	156

Central Team to Assess Progress of ongoing Irrigation Projects

5054. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sent any team to assess the progress of ongoing irrigation projects in various States;

(b) if so, the details of States visited by the team and the details of reports submitted by the team in respect of various States; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on each of the said report so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

National Water Management Institute

5055. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a National Water Management Institute;

(b) whether it is proposed to be set up in Madhya pradesh; and

(c) if not, the name of other places where it is to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government have a proposal to set up a National Irrigation Management Institute (NIMI).

(b) The above institute is proposed to be set up at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) A provision of about Rs. 17.80 crore has been proposed during the VIIIth Plan for this purpose.

Golden, Jubilee Celebration of Tamralipte National Government

5056. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan and AIR have taken any steps to telecast/broadcast any programme on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the establishment of the Tamralipte National Government, 1942;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). All India Radio and Doordarashan will be putting out special programmes and give extensive coverage for functions relating to Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the 'Quit India Movement'. All India Radio will broadcast interviews, talks, radio features and radio reports on various functions.

Doordarshan will be telecasting films, serials, features, talks etc. A documentary titled 'Quit India; produced by the Films Division has already been telecast by Doordarshan on 16.7.1992.

In addition, All India Radio has a proposal for broadcast of interviews with those associated with the Tamralipte National Government, 1942.

[*Translation*]

Doordarshan Centres in Border Areas

5057. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR;
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States bordering China where Doordarshan Centres have been set up and the names of the States where these centres are proposed to be set up;

(b) when the said centres were set up and the time duration for telecasting recreational and regional languages programmes from there; and

(c) the number of programmes in produced each month by these local centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). TV transmitters of varying radiating powers are, at present, functioning in all the five States bordering China, namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Besides, additional TV transmitters of varying radiating powers are also under implementation/envisaged to be set up in these States. The existing transmitters in these States were set up at various points of time spread over last two decades, in a phased manner. All the TV transmitters in bordering districts of these States telecast programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi via Satellite which, inter alia, include recreational programmes and programmes relevant to the region.

(c) There is, at present, no programme production facility at Doordarshan Centres located along the China border.

[*English*]

Agrrement with Japan for Ship-Breaking Industry

5058. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement between India and Japan has been signed for ship-breaking industry; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Telephone Quota for MPs

5059. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representations from the members of Parliament for increasing the telephone quota from 15 to 40 per year;

(b) whether there is also a demand to keep aside the condition of providing 10 connections in the constituency and for allowing the entire quota connections anywhere in the country; and

(c) if so, the action taken proposed to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Some Members of Parliament have, from time to time, represented that their annual quota of telephones be increased.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present there is no proposal as a general rule to change the existing guidelines.

US Airlines Actions against Indians

5060. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of US Airlines discrimination against Indians have been noticed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such complaints have been received in the recent past.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Special Schemes for River valley development

5061. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHGRIA;
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to formulate any special scheme for giving wide shape too the river valley development and soil conservation programme in Gujarat and Uttar pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The following tow ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Soil Conservation are approved for VIII Five Year Plan:-

(i) Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects.

(ii) Integrated Watershed management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers.

These schemes are implemented in different States including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. Under these schemes, critically degraded watersheds are being treated with proper soil conservation measures.

[*Translation*]

Import of Coking Coal

5062. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for import of coking coal in tonnes during 1992-93 and the amount to be spent thereon:

(b) the reasons for importing coking coal;

(c) the quantum of coking coal imported during 1991-92 and the current year and the outgo of foreign exchange on this account;

(d) the details of its CIF value per tonne; and

(e) the quantum of coking coal allocated to the Steel Authority of India Limited and the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e). Target for import of coking coal during 1992-93 for Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) has been fixed at approximately 6 million tonnes - SAIL: 3.86 to 4.00 million tonnes, and VSP: 2.15 million tones. Total value of the imports will be known only when the entire quantity is contracted for imports.

Imports are resorted to meet the quantitative and qualitative gaps between demand and supply of coking coal.

Imports of coal during 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Upto June) in respect of SAIL and VSP and prices are as under:

Year	*Quantity (Million tonnes)*	*Approximate C & F Value (Rs. in crores)*	*Approximate Average CIF prices per tonne (Rs.)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
Sail			
1991-92	4.255	672.5	1583
1992-93 (upto June)	1.283	247.0	1928
Vsp			
1991-92	0.989	168.46	1703
1992093 (Upto June)	0.466	91.75	1969

China clay based Industries in Rajmahal, Bihar

5063. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up china clay based industry at Rajmahal in Santhal Pargana of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). The Government of Bihar have stated that they have no proposal to set up any china clay based industry at Rajmahal. The Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation has no china clay lease in the area.

[*English*]

Study Group on Working of CWC

5064. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the report and the recommendations of the study group on the working of the headquarters of the Central Water Commission; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken on each of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No Study Group specifically on the working of the headquarters of Central Water Commission has been constituted. However, the Central Water Commission is carrying out an internal review to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of its policies and procedures for which a task force for each of its wings has been constituted. The Commission has programmed too complete the final report of its internal review by June, 1993.

[*Translation*]

Rules for International Air Traffic

5065. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any rules/ regulations governing international air traffic;

(b) whether any country has-violated these rules in the Indian air space during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these rules have been violated by any Indian aircraft on the air space of other countries during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the period 31.7.1989 to 31.7.1992, 34 cases of ATS route violations were detected. The airlines involved belong to Afganistan, Austria, France, Germany, Holland, Iraq, Italy, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, U.K., USA, USSR and Vietnam.

(d) and (e). Due to Navigational/Pilot error one incident each of ATS route violation by Indian Airlines and Air India aircraft respectively was reported during this period.

Telephones to Gram Panchayats in Rajasthan

5066. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of gram panchayats in Rajasthan where telephone facility has been provided so far;

(b) the district-wise number of gram panchayats proposed to be provided telephone facility in future;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be provided;

(d) whether telephone connections remain out of order in the gram Panchayats;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper functioning of the telephone system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Details are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) By March, 1995, progressively subject to availability of resources.

(d) and (e). No, Sir, A few faults are reported due to line and equipment failures which are attended to.

(f) Detailed guidelines as well as instructions have been issued for checking and monitoring the service performance of these telephones by concerned maintenance staff.

Water Logging in U.P.

5067. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey of water logging areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Water logged area in Uttar Pradesh is estimated to be 57,684 sq. km.

(c) some of the important measures undertaken to combat the problem of water logging and drainage are:-

i) Conjunctive use of surface and ground-water

ii) providing adequate drainage in irrigation systems

iii) lining of canals and field channels in vulnerable reaches.

iv) improved water management practives, and

v) making drainage as an integral part of irrigation in all new projects to be taken in future.

[*English*]

Parimar Irrigation Scheme, Bihar

5068. SHRI PARBHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
PROF. RITA VERMA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parimar irrigation scheme in Nalanda district, Bihar is pending with the Union Government for clearance for a number of years;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which the clearance is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). As reported by Government of Bihar, Paimar Irrigation Scheme has been constructed in Nalanda District at an estimated cost of Rs. 89.48 lakhs. The scheme was designed to irrigate 13,000 hectares annually. Since the entire area in Command was not receiving irrigation a Pilot Project to renovate the Scheme has been planned by the State Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 198.20 lakhs to seek external assistance under National Water Management Project. The Scheme has not been received at the Centre.

[*Translation*]

Telephones to Panchayat Bhavans in Uttar Pradesh

5069. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Uttar Pradesh where telephone connections have not been provided so far and the number of post offices from where telephones were removed and installed in panchayat bhavans;

(b) the number of panchayat bhavans in the State not provided with telephone facility;

(c) the number of panchayat bhavans in Uttar Pradesh where telephone facility has been provided so far; and

(d) the details of the amount spend for this purpose during 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

(i) At present 14306 post offices are without telephone facility in Uttar Pradesh.

(ii) Information in respect of post offices from where telephones were removed and subsequently installed in Panchayat Bhavans is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Linking of District Headquarters in U.P. with Delhi

5070. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the district headquarters and cities in Uttar Pradesh with a population of more than one lakh have been linked with Delhi by STD facility;

(b) if not, the number of district headquarters and such cities which are yet to be identified for the purpose;

(c) whether there is any scheme to link district headquarters and such cities by STD; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, except Amroha and Haldwani-cum-Kathgodam.

(b) District headquarters .. NIL

Other such cities are two only

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Amroha and Haldwani are the only cities having Population of more than one lakh but not having the STD facility. The STD facility to both these cities will be provided by 93.

Telephone Directories in Gujarat

5071. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed to publish the telephone directory;

(b) the details of telephone directories published in Gujarat in various telephone districts during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for delay in publishing the directory and the district-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Telephone directories are published Secondary Switching Are-wise once in a year.

(b) and (c). Details are given in the Statement which is attached herewith

STATEMENT

Details of publication of telephone directories in Gujarat during last 3 years.

Sl.No.	*Name of District/SSA*	*Details of Telephone Directories published during the last 3 years*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Ahemedabad City	Published Twice in 1990 & 1992
2.	Chandhinagar & Ahmedabad Rural	NIL
3.	Baroda	ONCE 1991
4.	Rajkot	TWICE 1990 & 1992
5.	Surat	ONCE 1991
6.	Nadiad	ONCE 1991
7.	Bhavnagar	ONCE 1991
8.	Junagarh	ONCE 1991
9.	Jamnagar	ONCE 1991
10.	Bhuj	TWICE 1990 & 1991
11.	Bulsar	ONCE 1991

Sl.No.	*Name of District/SSA*	*Details of Telephone Directories published during the last 3 years*	
1	*2*	*3*	
12.	Mehsana	ONCE	1991
13.	Amreli	ONCE	1989
14.	Bharuch	Not Published	
15.	Godhra	ONCE	1992
16.	Himatnagar	ONCE	1991
17.	Palanpur	ONCE	1991
18.	Surendranagar	ONCE	1991

Telephone Directories could not be published in Bharuch, Ahmedabad Rural and Gandhinagar due to no contractors forthcoming to print these directories.

Telephone in Metro Cities

5072. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. AMRITLAL KALIDAS PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone applications pending for installation in each metropolitan city; and

(b) by when the backlog is likely to be cleared, city-wise and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of telephone applications pending for installation (Waiting List Status) in metropolitan cities as on 30.6.92 is given below:-

1.	Bombay	-	2,39,658
2.	Calcutta	-	49,614
3.	Delhi	-	3,36,652
4.	Madras	-	1,00,065

(b) The Department of Telecom has formulated 8th five year plan (1992-97) which envisages:

Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years

The expansion plans have been drawn accordingly to achieve this objective by the end of the 8th Plan period.

Existing waiting lists as on 30.6.92 is likely to be cleared before 31.3.97 in above exchanges.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Shares

5073. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shares of Lodhi Hotel in Delhi and other hotels at Agra, Varanasi and Khajuraho have been sold at lower rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the price at which these were sold, and

(c) the amount of loss suffered by the ITDC on this account and the action taken by the Government against the persons found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

T.V. Transmitter in Andaman and Nicobar

5074. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more T.V. transmitters in Andaman and Nicobar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A very low power TV transmitter is presently under implementation at Great Nicobar in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

[*Translation*]

Villages Electrified in U.P.

5057. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:
SHRI RAM PAL SINGH:
SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Uttar Pradesh till date district-wise;

(b) the number of villages electrified in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years, district-wise;

(c) the funds allocated by the Union Government for this purpose during each of the last three years;

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to electrify the villages in the Hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the budget allocation for REC in the State for 1992-93;

(g) target fixed for REC in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(h) the time by which all the villages of the State are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). A Statement indicating the district-wise details of villages electrified during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 and upto March, 1992 is given below.

(c). Funds allocated for rural electrification in U.P., including State Plan, during the last three years were as under:-

Year	*Allocation (Rs. in crores)*
1989-90	144.89
1990-91	91.00
1991-92	75.32

(d) and (e). Rural Electrification schemes are formulated by the State Governments (State Electricity Boards) concerned, who are responsible for implementation of the programme in the respective States. The programme is undertaken by the States with the financial assistance provided by REC and the funds available under the State Plans. As far as electrification in the 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh is concerned, as per UPSEB, 11, 151 villages have been electrified in these districts up to the end of March, 1992 while UPSEB has programmed to electrify 425 more villages during the current year (1992-93).

(f) For the year 1992-93, an allocation of Rs. 71.05 crores has been made for rural electrification in Uttar Pradesh under Rural Electrification Corporation Programme.

(g) The targets for Eighth Five Plan are yet to be finalised.

(h) The time for electrification of the remaining villages in U.P. will depend upon availability of resources and annual plan allocations made for the purpose during the Eighth and subsequent plan periods.

STATEMENT

Districtwise details of villages electrified during each of the last three years and cumulative achievement upto 3/92 in Uttar Pradesh State.

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Saharanpur				
2.	Haridwar	15	70	4	1631
3.	Meerrut	.	.	.	1039
4.	Ghaziabad	1	.	.	754
5.	Bulandshahar	1	.	.	1404
6.	Muzzaffarnagar	.	2	.	923
7.	Aligarh	18	20	2	1703
8.	Mathura	25	7	.	867
9.	Agra				
10.	Ferozabad	50	59	8	1129

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Mainpuri	21	20	8	1144
12.	Etah	21	23	11	1099
13.	Bareilly	30	50	10	1383
14.	Bijnor	37	15	10	1669
15.	Budaun	34	36	13	1375
16.	Moradabad	64	40	4	2227
17.	Rampur	24	15	6	813
18.	Shahjahanpur	16	30	21	1334
19.	Pillibhit	15	21	10	767
20.	Farrukhabad	35	40	4	1390
21.	Etawah	35	36	11	951
22.	Kanpur Nagar				

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
23.	Kanpur Dehat	82	60	24	1228
24.	Fatehpur	33	33	9	1104
25.	Allahabad	80	79	19	3059
26.	Jhansi	13	19	10	523
27.	Lalitpur	0	13	6	326
28.	Jalaun	14	25	10	638
29.	Hamirpur	11	22	4	586
30.	Banda	10	20	21	762
31.	Varansi	21	48	12	2609
32.	Mirzapur				
33.	Sonbhadra	39	34	5	1249
34.	Jaunpur	15	76	13	2967

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
35.	Ghazipur	.	.	.	2543
36.	Gorakhpur				
37.	Maharajganj	46	59	27	2657
38.	Ballia	28	88	5	1727
39.	Deoria	32	66	26	2291
40.	Bastl				
41.	Sidnarth Nagar	77	72	61	3162
42.	Azamgarh				
43.	Mau	134	95	11	4539
44.	Lucknow	.	.	.	916
45.	Rea-Bareli	.	.	.	1749

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
46.	Unnao	12	28	15	933
47.	Sitapur	26	34	20	1018
48.	Hardoi	22	28	13	926
49.	Kheri	59	30	13	1288
50.	Feizabad	28	100	7	2172
51.	Gonds	12	46	14	1573
52.	Bahraich	35	47	12	1347
53.	Sultanpur	19	54	2	2398
54.	Pratapgarh	39	29	14	1547
55.	Barabanki	20	33	19	963
56.	Nainital	57	19	18	1802
57.	Almora	107	97	31	2351
58.	Pithoragarh	46	102	50	1366

Sl.No.	Districts	Villages electrified during			Cummulative achievement Upto 3/92
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6
59.	Dehradun	22	14	5	712
60.	Uttarkashi	18	24	5	601
61.	Chamoli	48	30	30	1105
62.	Pauri Garhwal	111	113	60	1907
63.	Tehri Garhwal	46	86	31	1307
	Total	1832	2207	744	83309

Dam on Ganga River at Mirzapur, U.P.

5076. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct a dam on Ganga river in Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh and to bring its water in Sone River to provide irrigation facilities in Bihar through Sone canal;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with the Union Government for clearance in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such proposal has been received at the Centre.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Post and Telegraph Facilities in Haryana in Eighth Plan

5077. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of post offices and telegraph offices located in Haryana at present;

(b) whether the population served by per post office and telegraph office in the State is more as compared to the All India average; and

(c) the funds being allocated for expansion/modernisation of postal and telegraph facilities in the State during the Eight Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) District-wise details of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Haryana are given in the attached Statement.

(b) Yes, Sir. The population served per post office and telegraph office in the State is more as compared to the All India Average. Average population served per post office in All India is 5613 and in Haryana it is 6394.

(c) State-wise allocation for the whole Eighth Five Year Plan has not been made. For opening of Post office Rs. 2.5 lakhs have been allocated for the year 1992-93. As regards modernisation, this fund is centrally kept and the PC based counter machines, stamp cancellation machines and other office equipments will be supplied by placing orders directly by the Directorate. No separate fund is allocated for modrnisation to the Circle.

Telegraph offices

Rs. 78 lakhs have been allocated for expansion/modernisation of telegraph facilities in the State during the Eight Five Year Plan.

STATEMENT

District-wise details of post offices and telegraph offices located in Haryana

Sl.No	Name of District	Post Offices	Telegraph Offices
1	2	3	4
1.	Ambala	175	43
2.	Yamuma Nagar	125	19
3.	Bhiwani	214	24
4.	Faridabad	121	11
5.	Gurgaon	152	23
6.	Mohindergarh	118	10
7.	Rewari	117	24
8.	Hisar	333	25
9.	Sirsa	152	15
10.	Kurukshetra	99	18
11.	Kaithal	119	18
12.	Karnal	133	34

Sl.No	Name of District	Post Offices	Telegraph Offices
1	2	3	4
13.	Panipat	115	22
14.	Jind	156	19
15.	Rohtak	247	58
16.	Sonipat	175	25

[*Translation*]

Reservation for Handicapped in DESU

5078. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has made recruitment of three per cent reserved quota for the handicapped;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the step taken to fill in the reserved quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking is providing requisite reservations under Physically Handicapped quota in Category' C' non-technical posts. There are no category 'D' posts in DESU. The requisition for filling up such reserved vacancies are sent to the Staff Selection Commission/Employment Exchange etc. from time to time, except where the posts are not filled due to ban on direct recruitment.

[*English*]

Power Position in Kerala

5079. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power position in Kerala is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The energy shortage in Kerala during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 0.5 and 3.3% respectively as against the national average of 7.9% and 7.8% respectively.

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Kerala include expenditing Commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power station, reduction of Transmission and Distribution Losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Air Hostesses of Air India

5080. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether air hostesses of Air India are required to take ground jobs after reaching the age of 45;

(b) whether male crew of Air India continue to have cabin duty even after reaching the age of 45; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As per terms and conditions of employment of male members of the cabin crew, they are deployed on flying duties until there tretirement.

MOU with NALCO

5081. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with the National Aluminium Company Limited recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum. of Understanding (MOU) for the year 1992-93 with M/s. National Aluminium Company. Limited (NALCO) on 9th June, 1992. The MOU has been laid on the Table of the House on 20th July, 1992.

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant

5082. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation programme of Rourkela Steel Plant is to be undertaken with the help of Russia: and

(b) if so, the details of agreement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Out of a total of 5 global turnkey packages of Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation, order on M/s. Tyazhpromexport (TPE) Russia for two package i.e. Sinter Plant-2 and Basic Oxygen Furnace Shop have been finalised by SAIL. M/s. TPE are providing suppliers credit for both these packages.

Power Plants in Gujarat

5083. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:
DR. AMRITLAL KALIDAS PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more power plants in Gujarat in view of the prevailing power crisis in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the time by which these plants are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The details of the new power schemes proposed to be set up in the State of Gujarat are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Capacity (MW)	Location
1	2	3	4
1.	Gandhar GTCC Stage-I (NTPC)	650	Dhanor village, District Bharuch
2.	Gandhar GTCC (GPCL)	615	Paguthan and Kasad village, Bharuch.
3.	Pipavav GTCC (GPCL)	615	Mahuva Jafrabad in South Saurashtra.
4.	Wanakbori GTCC (GEB)	600	Wanakbori

The folowing power projects are under execution in Gujarat State:-

State Sector

1.	Sikka Extension	120	Jamnagar
2.	Urban CCG based power plant	3x33 GT + 1x45 ST	Surat
3.	Kutch Lignite Extension-3	70	Kutch
4.	Kadana PSS-II	2x60	District Panchmahal
5.	Sardar Sarovar Project		
	(a) River bed power house	6x200	District Broach

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Capacity (MW)	Location
1	2	3	4
	(b) Canal Head Power House	5x50	District Broach
	CENTRAL SECTOR		
1.	Kawas CCG based power plant	1x106 GT + 2x110 ST	Surat
2.	Gandhaar Gas based power plant	3x131 GT + 1x255 ST	Bharuch
3.	Kakrapara Atomic Power Plant	220	Surat

(c) Schemes are accorded techno-economic clearance subject to the fulfilling of certain conditions regarding tieing up of inputs and also completing the formalities required under Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. This is being done to enable project authorities to take action for obtaining the requisite linkages and clearances from other Departments, as parallel activities before obtaining the investment sanctions.

Development of Airports

5084. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:
SHRI SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA:
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop and upgrade airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the airports are likely to be developed and upgraded;

(d) the total amount likely to be spent, airport-wise;

(e) whether assistance has been sought from foreign countries for the modernisation/upgradation of national and international airports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the names of the airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). The development and upgradation of airports in the country is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon requirements projected by the operator (Airlines) and availability of resources. The total allocation for the development of domestic airports during 1992-93 is Rs. 133.64 crores and for international is Rs. 117.97 crores.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Directories in Bihar

5085. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone directories in smaller towns of Bihar are not published;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, the Telephone Directories are published Secondary Switching Area-wise. All the exchanges in an Secondary Switching Area are included in the SSA telephone directory.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

[*English*]

Exploration of Minerals in Bihar

5086. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details there of alongwith the estimated quanity of each metal/mineral; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for their proper exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey and Exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India (GST) during the last three years in Bihar state have established total reserve of 11.05 million tonnes of coal in Banhardi block of Auranga Coal Field in Palamau district.

Preliminary exploration for basemetal (Pb, Zn, Cu) by GSI have also located mineralisation over narrow zones in Pindara area in Bhagalpur district, Khadandungri area, Kulamara to Jublatola area, Rangamati Pahar area, Tamadungri-Rangamatiya block and Kharswan-Sankhadih block in Singhbhum district.

(c) Undertaking of exploitation of mineral is dependent upon economic viability of the mineral deposits.

[*Translation*]

Coal Supply to Rajasthan Thermal Power Plants

5087. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the places from where cola is supplied to the thermal power plants of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan have been constantly requesting for the supply of good quality coal from neighbouring mines; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Kota Thermal Power Station of Rajasthan is supplied coal from Singrauli Coalfields of Northern Coal fields Limited (NCL), Korea-Rewa Coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Jharia coalfields of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL).

(b) and (c). The original long term linkage for Kota Power Station is on NCL. However, Kota has traditionally been getting coal supplies from Korea-Rewa (SECL) as well which is also a rational source and quality of coal is good. Due to shortfall in supplies from both the sources, part supplies were also started from Bharat Cocking Coal Limited (BCCL) since January, 1986. The coal supplies from BCCL are of inferior grade and distance involved is higher. The Rajasthan Government has, therefore, been insisting for supply of full requirements of Kota Power Station from NCL & SECL areas. But this has not been possible due to insufficient production in NCL and SECL.

Telephone Adalat in M.P.

5088. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Telephone Adalat has been constituted in Madhya Pradesh for the redressal; of the complaints of telephone subscribers;

(b) if so, the number of meetings organised by it so far; and

(c) if not, the dates on which it is proposed to hold its meetings in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 15 meetings of Telephone Adalats were held in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) |Does not arise.

[English]

Pending Applications for Mining Lease

5089. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for mining lease received by the Indian Bureau of Mines during 1990-91 and 1991-92 till date;

(b) the number of applications disposed of;

(c) the number of applications still pending for clearance; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Applications for mining lease are submitted to the State Government concerned. However Mining Plans are to be submitted by the applicant to the Controller Genera, Indian Bureau of Mines for approval. The total number of mining plans received for grant and renewal of mining leases under Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 during 1990-91 and 1991-92 are 439 and 347 respectively.

(b) Out of 786 Mining Plans received during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92, 647 have been disposed as on 20.6.92 and 91 mining plans referred back to parties for carrying out modifications on the basis of comments furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines.

(c) Number of mining plans pending as on 20.6.92 with Indian Bureau of Mines and Director General of Mines safety (for comments) are 28 and 20 respectively.

(d) Mining Plans are usually cleared within 90 days from the date the applicant satisfies the Indian Bureau of Mines that the statuoary requirements have been met.

Telephone in Eighth Plan

5090. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to provide seventy-five lakh telephone lines in addition to the existing lines during he Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of telephone lines, out of the them, to be provided to each State, separately;

(c) the total telephone lines proposed to be provided in Karnataka during 1992;

(d) whether Karnataka has not been provided sufficient telephone lines as compared to other states in the past; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, subject to availability of resources.

(b) The number of telephones projected during the plan period in each telecom circle are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) A total of 46,000 telephones lines are proposed to be provided in Karnataka during 1992-93.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Circlewise Commissioning Programme of Telephones Proposed during 1992-97

Sl.No.	Name of the Circle	Directo Exchange Lines
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	514,300
2.	Assam	59,100
3.	Bihar	101,000
4.	Gujarat including Dadar, Nagar Havli, Daman & Diu	630,400
5.	Haryana	230,600
6.	Himachal Pradesh	56,400
7.	J & K	42,300
8.	Karnataka	475,700
9.	Kerala	390,600
10.	Madhya Pradesh	319,600
11.	Maharashtra including Goa & M.T.N.L. Bombay	1,670,700

Sl.No.	Name of the Circle	Directo Exchange Lines
1	2	3
12.	N.E. including Arunachal, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland etc.	25,100
13.	Orissa	48,900
14.	Punjab including Chandigarh	396,700
15.	Rajasthan	331,600
16.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry & Madras	643,209
17.	Uttar Pradesh	421,000
18.	West Bengal including Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar & Calcuta	181,800
19.	Delhi	970,000
	Total	7,500,000

[*Translation*]

Employment tc Persons Displaced by Marankhand Copper Project

5091. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE OF MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons displiaced due to the commissioning. of Malanjkhand Copper Project;

(b) whether all the land oustees have been provided employment'; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the employment is likely to be provided to all of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) About 720 persons were displaced due to commissioning of Malanjkhand Copper Project.

(b) So far 704 land oustees have been provided employment by the Company.

(c) Employment could not be provided so far to the remaining land oustees due to some pending litigation. Employment such oustees can be provided by the Company after the pending litigation is settled and genuine claimants identified.

[*English*]

Expansion of Telecom Network

5092. SHRI D. VENKATESWAR RAO:
SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has worked out a five point stategy for expansion of telecom net-work;

(b) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the initial requirement of funds during the first year of the Eight Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The department has not worked out any five point strategy for expansion of telecom. network, however, approved 8th five year plan proposals (1992-97) Envisage:-

(i) Addition of 75 lakh new telephone lines.

(ii) Addition of 31200 telex lines.

(iii) Provision of Gram Panchayat telephone to all Gram Panchayat villages by 1.4.95.

(iv) Public call offices for every 100 households in urban areas.

(v) Highway telephone on national highways.

(vi) Provision of STD to all exchanges by 1.4.97.

(vii) Value-added services like Collular mobile, Voice-mail, Audio-conferencing & Video-conferencing to the provided mainly on the basis of franchise. Subject to availability of resources.

(c) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 4500 crores for the telecom services for the annual plan (1992-93) against the projected requirements of Rs. 5200 crores.

Production of Steel

5093. **SHRI SHANKARSINGH VAGHELA:**
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise target fixed and achieved for the production of various steel items including raw material produced at Bhilai, Bokalro, Durgapur, Rourkela and Bumpur during the last three years;

(b) the target fixed and achieved for the production of saleable steel by the SAIL during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the target fixed quantity of steel imported during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange spent each year thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The year-wise target fixed and achieved for the production of various steel items and total saleable steel in Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Burnpur and total for SAIL for the last three years, are given in Statement-I attached.

The year-wise target fixed and achieved for production of raw materials produced at Mines liked to the above mentioned Steel Plants are given in Statement II attached.

(c) and (d). Quantity of Steel imported during the last three years is as follows:

Quantity In Million Tonnes

Value Rs. in Crores

Year	By Sail		By Country	
	Quntity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5
1989-90	0.115	88.3	1.46	1562
1990-91	Nil	Nil	1.25	1382
1991-92	Nil	Nil	0.99	1335

STATEMENT - I

(In '000 tonnes)

Plant/year		*Semis*		*Flat products*		*Non Flat products*		*Total Saleable Steel*	
		Target	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SAIL	1989-90	88.8	1095.1	4657	3931.7	2265.5	2036.3	7811.3	7063.1
	1990-91	1040.5	1126.7	4553	4173.4	2182.5	2062.7	7776	7362.8
	1991-92	1189.5	1296.5	4493	4553.9	2268.5	2178.2	7951	8028.6
BSP	1989-90	602	698.3	633	503.6	1600	1391.8	2835	2593.7
	1990-91	642	740.3	725	645.3	1483	1409.3	2850	2794.9
	1991-92	890	938.5	640	674.4	1550	1491.2	3080	3104.1
DSP	1989-90	165.5	182.3	160	131.4	401.5	386.5	727	700.2
	1990-91	157.5	178.2	140	141.3	429.5	407.8	727	727.3
	1991-92	163.5	171	145	140.9	401.5	369.6	710	681.5

Plant/year		Semis		Flat products		Non Flat products		Total Saleable Steel	
		Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
RSP	1989-90	20	21.5	1130	1089.9	0	0	1150	1111.4
	1990-91	22	29.1	1038	1056	0	0	1060	1085.1
	1991-92	22	31.8	1058	1093.5	0	0	1080	1125.3
BSL	1989-90	60	128.2	2734	2197.1	0	0	2794	2325.3
	1990-91	150	95.4	2650	2330.8	0	0	2800	2426.2
	1991.92	50	85.3	2650	2645.1	0	0	2700	2730.4
II-SCO	1989-90	41.3	64.8	0	9.7	264	258	305.3	332.5
	1990-91	69	83.7	0	0	270	245.6	339	329.3
	1991-92	64	69.9	0	0	317	317.4	381	387.3

STATEMENT - II

The yearwise target fixed and achieved for production of raw materials produced at mines linked to SAIL Plants:

(in '000 tonnes)

Plant	Mines	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
		Target	Acutal	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bhilai	Rajhara (iron ore)	3380	3190	3200	3443	3450	3463
	Dalli (iron ore)	2945	2393	2800	2902	3050	3060
	Nandini (Lime Stone)	1117	864	1028	855	1150	1117
	Hirri (Dolomite)	421	208	200	163	160	131
Durgapur	Bolani (iron)	1140	1108	1200	1146	1300	1215
Rourkela	Barsua (iron)	1550	1587	1550	1636	1675	1769
	Kalta (Ironore)	400	479	370	395	450	469
	Purnapani (Lime stone)	460	522	460	501	370	410

Plant	*Mines*	*1989-90*		*1990-91*		*1991-92*	
		Target	*Acutal*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
	Satna (lime stone)	165	175	165	167	170	188
Bokaro	Kiriburu (iron (iron ore)	2920	2654	3187	1835	2820	2546
	Maghahatuburu	2295	2242	2457	1800	2450	2504
	Bhawanatahpur (Lime stone)	1019	712	940	381	865	385
	Tulsidamar (Dolomite)	200	201	240	116	240	149
	Kuteshwar (Lime stone)	952	623	900	513	728	516
IISCO	Gua (iron (iron ore)	1636	1728	1974	1842	2105	2538
	Manoharpur (iron ore)	246	246	275	241	280	251

Plant	*Mines*	*1989-90*		*1990-91*		*1991-92*	
		Target	*Acutal*	*Target*	*Actual*	*Target*	*Actual*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
	Chasnalla (Coal)	360	348	400	303	400	353
	Jitpur (Coal)	180	134	200	111	180	147

Regional Office of Indian Bureau of mines at Bhubaneswar

5094. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a Regional Office of the Indian Bureau of Mines at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

S.C. Employees in Goa

5095. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of S.C. employees in the telephones, post and telegraph departments in Goa;

(b) whether these are according to the sanctioned strength; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to fill up these posts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of S.C. employees in telephones, post and telegraph departments are as follows:-

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(i) Telephones - 54 nos.

(ii) Post - 41 nos.

(iii) Telegraph - 6 nos.

(b) No separate sanction is issued for S.C. employees for individual locations.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Tourism Literature

5096. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to publish the literature on tourism in Hindi and other Indian languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal also under consideration of the Government for publication of any news magazine to promote tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATIONND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Most of the publicity literature produced by the Department of Tourism is in English as it is meant for distribution in the tourist generating markest overseas. However, some material is also produced in Hindi, keeping in view the requirements of domestic tourists.

(c) and (d). It has been decided to publish a quarterly newsletter, the first issue of which will be out in August, 1992.

'Disney Land' Project

5097. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from various states for development of 'Disney Land Project'. during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to revise the timings and provide the same day return service from Bangalore to New Delhi:

5098. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras, Bombay and CaLcutta have been provided with Same Day Travel Facility by the Indian Airlines to New Delhi;

(b) whether Banglaore has been provided with same day return service facility New Delhi; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to revise the timings and provide the same day return service from banglore to New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines has plans to operate a morning flight from Bangalore to Delhi during winter schedule, 1992-93.

[*Translation*]

Special Programmes on Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

5099. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special programme is being launched by his Ministry on the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Details of progrrammes/schemes launched by the Public Sector Undertakings/Organisations of the Ministry of Mines in connection with the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar are given in the statement attached.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

The brief details of important programmes chalked out by various Public Sector Undertakings/Organisations under the Ministry of Mines are as follows:-

1. *Education*

(a) Scholarships to outstanding students of SC/ST in their schools.

(b) Pre-recruitment training to SC/ST students for appearing in Central/Public Sector Enterprises posts.

(c) Coaching Classes for SC/ST Students.

(d) Adult education classes.

2. *Culture & Sports*

(a) Culture & Sports programmes.

(b) All India Football Tournaments.

(c) Essay Competitions.

(d) Stage Play.

(e) Poster/Slogans/Painting competitions.

(f) Film shows/Exhibition on the life of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

3. *Welfar Schemes*

(a) Construction of Tube-wells & hand pumps to provide clean drinking water.

(b) Improvement of slums

(c) Crentribution to Voluntary Organisations for welfare of SC/ST.

(d) Safai Abhyan.

(e) Training in handi-crafts/Cottage Industries to SC/ST.

4. *Other Schemes*

(a) Final Day function of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centenary Year.

(b) Inauguration of Ambedar Udyan.

(c) Special meetings and Prabhat pheris.

(d) Installation of Marble/Metalalic Bust of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

(e) Renaming of Roads in the names of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

[English]

World Bank Assistance to Chambal Command Ars Development Phase-III

5100. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan had requested to the Union Governemtn to pose Chambal Command Area Development (CAD) Phase III for World bank Assistance;

(b) if so, the revised estimate cost of the Chambal CAD Phase III project;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) the present stage of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Gas Based Power Plants in Punjab

5101. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Ferozepur): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to sanction more gas based power plants in Punjab during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the extent to which power generating capacity of Punjab is likely to be increased as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Generation of Power in Uttar Pradesh

5102. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for power generation units in lakhs, in Uttar Pradesh under Electricity Generation Programme during 1991-92;

(b) the extent to which the said target has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF POWER IS (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The required information is given below:-

(Figs. in million units)

Category	*Period 1991-92*		
	Target	*Actual*	*Percentage*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
UPSEB			
Thermal	14390	12661	88.0
Hydro	4923	5547	112.7
Total	19313	18208	94.3
U.P. Vodyut			
Utpadak Nigam	1100	770	70.0
NTPC			
Singrauli	12000	14029	116.9
Rihand	5350	6522	121.9
NCR	175	0	0.0
Auraiya GT	1900	3835	201.8

Category	Period 1991-92		
	Target	Actual	Percentage
1	2	3	4
Dadri	335	0	0.0
NHPC			
Thankpur	5	0	0.0
Narora APS	1370	552	40.3
UP Total			
Thermal	35250	37817	107.3
Nuclear	1370	552	40.3
Hydro	4928	5547	112.6
Total	41548	43916	105.7

The performance of thermal generating units depends upon the age of the units, quality of coal, system load conditions, hydrothermal mix in the State/region, planned maintenance and forced outage of units and tansmissio constraaints Hydro generation depends upon the availability of water in the reservoirs

Courier Companes

5103. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided in principle to allow Courer comipanies to compets with the postal service legally as part of an ongoing drive to bring more efficiency; and

(b) if so, the proposal of the Govemment in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Buildings for Telephone Exchanges in Assam

5104. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Govemment propose to rstruct buildings to set up telephone exchanges in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of 18 Telephone exchange buildings is likely to be taken up at the following stations during the 8th Five Year Plan, subject to avoilability of funds:-

1. Tinsukia
2. Dibrugarh
3. Sibsagar
4. Dhubri
5. Bilasipara
6. Doom Doma
7. Dergaon
8. Dhekiajuli
9. Namrup
10. Bijni
11. Pathsala
12. Dulaiajan
13. Nalbari
14. Barpeta road
15. Haflong
16. Hojai
17. Badarpur
18. Lala

STD/PCOs at National Highways

5105. SHRI N. DENNIS:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up STD/PCOs at National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is planned to provide STD Public Telephones at as pacing of 50 Kms on all the National Highways in the country progressively by March, 1993 subject to availability of equipment.

Land for Telephone Bhavan at Jaipur, Orissa

5106. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to acquire land for constyruction of telephone bhavan complex at Jaipur town, Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which the said Bhavan is likely to be constucted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A sum of Rs. 8.03 lakhs has been paid on 28. 5.92 to the concerned local authority for acquistion of 3.15 acres of land.

The matter being suib-judice, no time frame for acquisition of land and construction of Bhavan can be specified.

[*Translation*]

Purchase of Micro-Light Planes

5107. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITION AND TURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro-Light plances were imported;

(b) if so, the number of such planes imported and their uses;

(c) whether these planes have not been put to use even once eversince their acquisition; and

(d) if so, the resons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Twnety four planes have been imported by the Aero Club of India and six others by private individuals or clubs. These were imported for development of aero sports.

(c) No, Sir. Some of these acraft have been flown.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Power Projects of Bihar

5108. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some power projects of Bihar have achieved the cent percent target of power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, unitwise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for under utilisation and the steps taken for achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH. RAI): (a) and (b). During the year '1991-92, the target vis-az visa actual energy generation of power station s in Bihar are as under:

Name of the Station	Target (MU)	Actual (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)	
			Target	Actual
1	2	3	4	5
THERMAL				
Patratu	2500	1333	37.0	19.7
Barauni	800	448	29.4	19.6
Muzaffarpur	650	557	33.6	28.8
Total	3950	2338	34.6	21.3
HYDRO				
Kosi	6	17		
Subernarekha	218	229		
Total	224	246		
Total	4174	2584		

The main reasons for not achieving the target was poor performance of thermal power stations in the State.

(c) Various measures being taken to increase the avialability of power in Bihar include maximing generation from existing generating stations, immentation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme,.reduceionin/Tansmission and Distributionlosses, effective load manegement and energy conservation, assistance from neighbouring States/ Systems etc.

Pending Power Projects

5109. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Willthe Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of States Government s for several power projects are pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in according approval; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for clearing these projectgs expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). 70 proposals of State Governments are pending with the Union Government for various clearances. The clearance of the project is dependent on various inputs/statutory clearaances such as coal linkage. clearnces of Minsitry of Environment & Forests, Central Water Commission for wter availability, Civil Aviation, Transmission Systemetc., required for techno-economic apprialsal.

(c) The implemntation of the power projects is closely monitored by the Ministry of Power and Cenrtral Electricity Authority (CEA) CEA regularly holds meetings with the project authorities and major contractors to overcome constraints and for taking corrective measures.

Priceless Tapes in Doordarshan

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5110. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of INFORAMTION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether priceless black and white tapes are lying unutilised in Doordarshan archives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Govemment to preserve them properly.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The two inch video tapes (black & while) used earlier by Doordarshan are now being maintained in its library since these cannot be played on the equipment now in use.

(c) Doordarshan have already provided more space and additional infrastructure required for the better preservation of important tapes.

Import of Foreign Feature Films

5111. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by the Government for import of foreign feature films and dubbing them in Indian languages;

(b) whether the Government have received any reports from NRIs for the import of foreign feature and animation films and animation shorts; and

(c) the details of films imported during the last three years and screened in the country including the films which received awards at the International Film Festivals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BORDCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Import of feature films has since been decanalised with effect from Ist April, 1992. However, the guildelines for import of feature films, consequent to decanalisation, are being finalised by the Government and are likely to be notified shortly.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The names of films imported during the last three years are given in the attached statement. However, since the exhibition of films is in the private sector, information regarding the names of films screened are not avilable with the Government?

STATEMENT

List of films Imported by Various Agencies

1989-90

S.No.	*Title*
Motion Pictures Export Association of America (MPEAA)	
1.	Willow
2.	Off Limits
3.	Dead Pool
4.	Oliver & Company
5.	Gorillas in the Mist
6.	Dressed to Kill
7.	Cherry 2000
8.	Monkey Shines
9.	The Mercenaries
10.	Fatal Attraction
11.	The Ten Commandments
12.	Born in Eastla
13.	Day of the Jackal
14.	Distant Thunder
15.	The Presidio
16.	Plance Trains & Automobiles
17.	Scrodged
18.	Coming to America
19.	Crocodile Dundee II
20.	Masquerade
21.	Like Father, Like Son
22.	Lincense to Drive
23.	Police Academy- 5
24.	Her Alibi
25.	Dangerous Liasions
26.	Frantic

S.No.	*Title*
27.	Tequila Sunrise
28.	Beches (a.k.a. Forever Friends)
29.	Three Fugitives
30.	Big Business
31	Kelly's Heros
32.	Dancing Masters
33.	The Big Noise
34.	In Like Funt
35.	Deadly Pursuits
36.	Mississippi Burning
37.	Cocktail
38.	Dirty Rotten Scoundrel
39.	Sing
40.	Seventh Singh
41.	Batman
42.	The Fly II
43.	Married to the Mob
44.	Lethal Weapon - 2
45.	Dead Calm
46.	The Abyss
47.	Twins
48.	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids
49.	Licence to Kill
50.	Rainman
51.	Betrayed
52.	The Naked Gun
53.	The Accused
54.	Gone With the Wind
55.	Gorky Park
56.	The Believers
57.	See No Evil, Hear No Evil
58.	Chances Are
59.	Vice Versa
60.	Ghost Busters-II
61.	The January Man
62	A Dry White Season
Private Indian Parties	
1.	Golden Dart Hero
2.	Tabu love me)
3.	You Only Love Once
4.	And What Now Gentlemen
5.	Potatoes
6.	House for Two
7.	Ellute I (Run for Your Life)

S.No.	*Title*
8.	The Cook, The Thief, His wife and Her Lover
9.	Guy de Maupassant (Guy in Love)

Women on the Roof 10.

Private Teaching

S.No.	*Title*
12.	Bodily Constraints
13.	Mathew's Passions
14.	Angel's Bite
15.	Majurca or Death
16.	Love Me not
17.	Love Stroange Love
18.	Me Myself & I
19.	How To Make Love To Negro Wwithout Getting Tired
20.	L' Engance de V Art
21	Life lasses
22	Love in Germany
23	South (Sud)
24.	Summer Night With Greek
25.	The Apple Game
26.	Proc Why?

Sovexport Film

S.No.	*Title*
1.	The Emir's Secret Voyage
2.	The Charm of Snakes Valley
3.	Sheherzade's Last Night

National Film Development Corporation (N.F.D.C.)

S.No.	*Title*
1.	No. 1 of the Secret Service
2.	The Whales of August
3.	Modern Times (1936) (RI)
4.	City Lights (1931) (RI)
5.	Limelight (1952) (RI)
6.	The Great Dictator (1940)
7.	The Gold Rush (1925)
8.	Dog's Life
9.	The Kid Idle Class
10.	Monsieur Verdoux
11.	The Circus Day's Pleasure
12.	A King in New York
13.	The Chaplin Reveu
14.	The Big Boss
15.	The Singer Not the Song
16.	Victim
17.	Early Bird
18.	So Long at the Fair
19.	The Wind Cannot Read

S.No.	*Title*
20.	Boys in Brown
21.	Doctor in the House
22.	Spanish Gardener
23.	WeelE LeaveStay
24.	Assa
25.	BMX Bandits
26.	Spanish Fly
27.	Fear is the key
28.	Eyewitness
29.	One Million Year B.c.
30.	Carry on Spying
31.	Carry on Nurse
32.	Ransom
33.	Love Thy Neighbour
34.	Never Say Never Again
35.	A Hill On the Dark Side of the Moon
36.	Flight of the Eagle
37.	Prizzi's Honor
38.	Flying
39.	Shanghai Express
40.	Chaplin Featurettes
41.	The Kitchen Toto
42	The Last Oasis
43.	Ordeal by Innocence
44.	Sleeping Beauty
45.	Snowhite & The Seven Dwarfs
46.	Rumplestiltskin
47.	Puss in Boots
48.	Red Riding Hood
49.	Hansel & Gretel
50.	The Frog Prince
51.	Emperor's New Clothes
52.	Beauty & The Beast
53.	King Lear
54.	Mannequin
55.	Babette's Feast
56.	Return of the Dragon
57.	Sex, Lies & Videotape
58.	Mystic Pizza
59.	Talk Radio
60.	Pele the Conqueror
61.	Cobra Verde
62.	Supersonic Man
1990-91	
MPEAA;	
1.	Worth Winning
2.	War of the Roses
3.	Spy Who Loved Me

S.No.	*Title*
4.	From Russia With Love
5.	We're No Angels
6.	Dragnet
7.	Back to Future-II
8.	Born on the 4th of July
9.	Commando
10.	The Dirty Dozen
11.	Lover Boy
12.	Police Academy -6
13.	Tango & Cash
14.	Pink Cadillac
15.	Black Rain
16.	Child's Play
17.	Blind Fury
18.	Burbs
19.	Sea of Love
20.	Sky Riders
21.	Pretty Woman
22.	Turner & Horch
23.	Hard to Kill
24.	The Little Mermaid
25.	The Package
26.	Red Heat
27.	Blue Heat
28.	Navy Seals
29.	Die Hard-2
30.	Adventures of Ford Fairland
31.	Total Recall
32.	Dream Team
33.	Stanley & Iris
34.	Always
35.	Parenthood
26.	Back to the Future -III
37.	Internal Affairs
38.	Days of Thunder
39.K-9	
40.	Night of the Creeps
41.	Look, Who is Talking?
42.	Dick Tracy
43.	Bird on a Wire
44.	The Idiort from UHF
45.	Secret Admirer
46.	Up the Creek
47.	Vital Signs
48.	Down Town
49.	Last Rites

S.No.	*Title*
49.	Foreign Body
50.	Ghost
51.	Wood Stock
52.	Flatliners
53.	Lock Up
54.	Come, See the Paradise
55.	Miller's Crossing
56.	Home Alone
57.	Sky Riders
58.	Wood Stock
Sovexportfilm	
1.	King of Crime
2.	New Fairy Tales of Sheherzade
Private Indian Parties	
1.	Mirage (China)
2.	The Rainbow (USA)
3.	Sternberg Shooting Star (Austria)
4.	Stealing Heaven (UK)
5.	Diamond Skulls (UK)
6.	Moments of Love (Italy)
7.	Journey to the south (Argentina)
8.	Night of Beverly Hills (UK)
9.	Mon Bel Amor Dechirure (France)
10.	S.H.E. (USA)
11.	Night of Weilding (USA)
12.	Magnificent Lover (France)
13.	South Wind, The End of the Game (France)
14.	Alexa (USA)
15.	Love Around Corner (Mexico)
16.	Central Station (Germany)
17.	Una My Love (Yugoslavia)
18.	Pitfall (Sweden)
19.	Magic Legs (china)
20.	Sweet Bunch (Greece)
21.	Swept Away (Italy)
22.	A Book of Heroes (UK)
23.	Fabian the Lover (Germany)
24.	To All Your Loves (czecholovakia)
25.	In the Line of Duty-4 (HK)
26.	Paradise (USA)
N.F.D.C.	
1.	A Crops Perdo
2.	The Glass Menagerie

S.No.	*Title*
3.	Vincent, The Life & Dealth of Van Gogh
4.	The Music Teacher
5.	The Moderns
6.	A Girl from Human
7.	The Hibiscus Town
8.	Red Sorghum
9.	Blind Rage
10.	Dear America
11.	Pascal's Island
12.	Everybody Wins
13.	Driving Miss Daisy
14.	Dr. M
15.	When Harry Met Sally
16.	Queen of Hearts
17.	True Blood
18.	Peachmaker
19.	Greivous Bodily Harm
20.	Daughters in Law in Revolt
21.	Tokyo Pop
22.	The Navigator
23.	Domino Primicple
24.	Carpricorn One
25.	legendof theLone Ranger
26.	Saturn 3
27.	All Quiet on the Western Front
28.	Borderline
29.	Farewell My Lovely
30.	The Cassandra Crossing
31.	Love & Bullets
32.	Escape to Athena
33.	Voyage of the Damned
1991-92	
M.P.E.A.A.	
1.	Miami Blues
2.	She Devil
3.	Cadilac Man
4.	Mad House
5.	Looseons Cannos
6.	I Love You to Death
7.	Harlem Nights
8.	Jaws
9.	The Silence of the Lambs
10.	Kindergaren Cop
11.	Pacific Heights
12.	Edward Scissor Hands

S.No.	*Title*
13.	Class Action
14.	Robin Hood
15.	Hunt for Red October
16.	Another 48 Hours
17.	Hudson Hawk
18.	Mutaaaant Ninja Turtles II
19.	Sleeping with Enemy
20.	FX-2.The Deadly Art of Illusion
21.	Point Break
22.	Teenagent (a.k.a. if Looks Could Kill)
23.	Boyus N the Hood
24.	Only the Lonely
25.	Return to the Blue Lagoon
26.	Naked Gun 2 1/2- The Smell of Fear
27.	Run
28.	The Rocketeer
29.	The Dead Pool
30.	Mackena's Gold
31.	Back Draft
32.	Robin Hood-The Prince of Thieves
33.	Dying Young
34.Dutch	
35.	Rocky-V
36.	Regarding Henry
37.	King Ralph
38.	Hardway
39.	Godfather -III
Private Indian Parties	
1.	Art of Loving
2.	Skinny Tiger Fatty Dragon
3.	Rage
4.	Flight North
5.	Lola
6.	Wild at Heart
7.	Bedroom Eyes -II
8.	Love Lock
9.	Angels
Sovexportfilm	
1.	Little Vera
N.F.D.C.	
1.	1001 Nights (Sheherazade)
2.	Street of No Return
3.	Viper

S.No.	Title
4.	Future Force
5.	Pink Angels
6.	Blood Mania
7.	Chain Gang Women
8.	The Step Mother
9.	The Wild Riders
10.	The Young Graduates
11.	Deathrow Gameshow
12.	The Virgin of St. Francis High
13.	Santee
14.	Switching Cannels
15.	Raw Deal
16.	Stilleto
17.	Weekend with Kate
18.	Lonely in America
19.	Short Time
20.	Martial Law
21.	Bulls Eye

Mejia Power Plants of DVC

5112. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Majia thermal plant of DVC is likely to be delayed further due to financial crunch as reported in the Economic Times dated July 11, 1992;

(b) whether some other power plants in the country are also likely to be affected due to financial crisits;

(c) if so, the details thereof, statewise;

(d) whether the Government propose to raise the funds through public issues in collaboration with the states for these projects; and

(e) if not,the alternate arrangments proposed to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Power projects likely to be affected due to inadequcy of funds are given in the attached statement.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal at present for raising funds through public issues in collaboration with States for financing the power projects in the State sector. However, so far as power projects of NIPC, NHPC and DVC are concerned, these Corporations have been allocated power bonds of the order of Rs. 1397 crores for financing their respective projects during the current finacial year.

STATEMENT

Power projects likely to be affected due to Inadequacy of funds

Sl.No	Name of the Project	State	Type	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4	5
	STATE SECTOR			
1.	Tenughat St.I Unit 1 & 2	Bihar	Thermal	2x210
2.	Tenughat St.II Units 3, 4 & 5	-do-	-do-	3x210
3.	Panipat Unit-6	Haryana	-do-	1x210
4.	Larji	H.P.	Hydel	3x42
5.	Ghanvi	-do-	-do-	3x7.5
6.	Uhl-III	-do-	-do-	4x17.5
7.	Tawa	M. Pradesh	-do-	2x6
8.	Narmada Sagar	-do-	-do-	8x125
9.	Rajghat	M. Pradesh U. Pradesh	-do-	3x15
10.	Sanjay Gandhi Extn. at Birsinghpur	-do-	Thermal	2x210

Sl.No	Name of the Project	State	Type	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4	5
11.	Khaperkheda Extn.U- 3 & 4	Maharashtra	-do-	2x210
12.	Ib TPP Unit 3 & 4	Orissa	-do-	2x210
13.	Syl	Punjab	Hydel	2x18 + 2x7
14.	UBDC-III	-do-	-do-	2x15
15.	Kota St. III Unit-5	Rajastan	Thermal	1x210
16.	Maneri Bhali-II	U. Pradesh	Hydel	4x76
17.	Lakhwar Vyasi	U. Pradesh	-do-	3x100 + 2x60
18.	Srinagar	-do-	-do-	6x55
19.	Vishnuprayag	-do-	-do-	4x120
20.	Tanda Unit-4	-do-	Thermal	1x110
21.	Anpara 'B' Unit- 4 & 5	-do-	-do-	2x500
22.	bakreshwar-1, 2 & 3	W. Bengal	-do-	3x210
	CENTRAL SECTOR			
23.	Ranganadi St.I/NEEPCO	Arunachal Pradesh		3x135

Sl.No	Name of the Project	State	Type	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4	5
24.	Koel Karo/NHPC	Bihar	-do-	4x175.5 + 1x20
25.	Doyang/NEEPCO	Nagaland		3x25
26.	Ranjit III/NHPC	Sikkim	-do-	3x20
27.	Tehri St. I/THDC Joint Venture	U. Pradesh	-do-	4x250

Telecom Plan for Rural Areas

5113. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any action plan to build up a strong telecommunication base in the country specially for rural areas;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to establish new units in private or point sector to manufacture telephone exchange lines; and

(d) whether the Government have also decided to give import eligibility lincece to exporters of rtelephone instruments, modern EPABX etc. If so, the deails thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have made 8th Five Year Plan proposals (1192-97) for building up telecom. infrastructure in the rural areas of the country.salient plants in this regards are given below:-

- Telephone on demand ar in rural areas-
- Provisionof Telephone facility in all Panchayat villages by 1.4.95.
- Addditional 1.5 lakh villages to have phone facility by 1.4.97..
- Provision of National Subscriber Dialling facility to all exchanges by 1. 4.97.
- Achieve fully automatic newtwork by March '94 by replacing all manual Exchanges.
- Replacement of all small capacity electro-mechanical exchanges by electronic exchanges.

(c) The Government has de-licenced Telecom Sector and hence no industrial lincence/permission is required for establishing new units in private/joint sector for manfacturing telephone exchange lines. Enough capcity has been created in the private/Joint Sector for manufacturing Rural Telephone Exchange lines.

(d) Government have issued public notice permitting grant of special import licence to the extent of 30% of FOB value of export of consumer telecom equipment including telephone instruments and EPABX etc for importing populated/Loaded printed circuit boards.

[*Translation*]

Nandini Irrigation Project of Bihar

5114. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present postion of the cosntuction work of Nandini irrigation project of Bihar;

(b) the amount spent on the project so far; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the estimated amount likely to be spend on its completion?

THE MINISER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDAYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). As reported by the Government of Biharc, constuction of Nadini

Reservoir Project taken up in the year 1992 was completed in the year 1989. Against the estimated cost of the project of Rs. 961. 50 lakhs an amount of Rs. 856 lakhs was sopent by the State Government.

[English]

Poor Quality coal to IP Thermal Plant, Delhi

5115. SHRI SHRAVAN KUAMR PATEL: will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item apeared in the Statement dated May 13, 1992 regarding the poor qaality coal to IP Power plant, Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the quality of coal for the power plants, in the country;

(c) whether there is a proposal to maintain captive mines for different power plants; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Diversion of West flowing Rivers to Tamil Nadu

5116. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Proposals under consideration of the Government to divert the West flowing rivers into the drought affected areas of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The National Water Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has, after office studies, prepared a preliaminary feasibility report of the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai link. The studies indicated that an estimated cost of Rs. 668 crores, the project provides one lakh hectares irrigation benefit in Tamil Nadu and 16.9. M.W. power to Kerala.

Telephone Connections in Punjab

5117. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the distict-wise number of telephone connections allocated in Punjab during 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) the number of new telephjone connections proposd to be allotted during 1992-93 in each district of Punjab

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The required inforamtion is furnished on statement I, which is attached herewith

(b)The required information is furnished in statesment II, which is attached

STATEMENT - I

Number of Telephone connections allocated in Punjab District wise during 1990-91, 1991-92

Sl.No	District	1990-91	1991-92
1	2	3	4
1.	Amritsar	1210	672
2.	Bhatinda	630	917
3.	Ferozepur	434	1170
4.	Faridkot	372	979
5.	Gurdaspur	1426	867
6.	Hoshiarpur	245	2056
7.	Jalandhar	1110	2223
8.	Kapurthala	599	1536
9.	Ludhiana	3357	4252
10.	Patiala	1254	1275
11.	Ropar	105	190
12.	Sangrur	802	1209
	Total	11544	17346

STATEMENT - II

The number of New Telephone Connections Proposed to be Allotted during 1992-93 District-wise-Punjab

Sl.No	*District*	*New conections proposed during 1992-93*
1.	Amritsar	700
2.	Bhatinda	500
3.	Mansa	150
4.	Ferozepur	850
5.	FAridkot	1500
6.	Hoshiarpur	1650
7.	Ropar	1050
8.	Jalandhar	5000
9.	Kapurthala	150
10.	Ludhiana	8700
11.	Gurdsapur	1150

Sl.No	District	New conections proposed during 1992-93
12.	Patiala	350
13.	Faategarh Sahib (Sirhind)	1200
14.	Sangrur	400
	Total	24,400

International Flight From Trivandrum

5118. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign countrie or foreign companies are seeking permission to statrt international flight services from Trivandrum airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of international; filghts introduced from the Trivandrum airport ever since it was accorded the status of international airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Emirates (the airline of UAE) proposed to start four services per week between Dubai and Trivandurm. For this purpose bilateral air talks were held between the Government of India and the Government of United Arab Emiartes, However, no final agreement could be arrived at.

(c) the iternational flights per week operated by various airlines to /from Trivandrum as on 1.,1.1991 when this airport was declared interational and the postion at present are given bewlow:-

Aiarline	1.1.19^n1	1.8.1992
Air India	11.5	16
Indian Airlines	5	6
Aril Lanka	5	6
Gulf Air	Nil	4

Explorationof Mines in Tamil Nadu

5119. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are exploring the posibilities of new mines in Tamil Nadu through the Geolgical Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places in the state where survcey is being conducted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is carrying out prelimianry exploration and search for molybdenum in Harur area in Dharmapuri district and Alangayam area of North Aroct district; basementals and platicids in Satuamnmgalm area of Periyar and Comimbatore districtrs, Attur in Salesm district and Mottusulkarai in Dharmapuri district and Gold in North Arcot, south Arcot and Dharmapuri districts. Exploration for lignite is also being carried out in the area South of Neyveli.

As a result of survey so far carried out recently, GSI have estimated a reserve of 2.38 million tonnes of Molybdenum abe with 0.178% Mo in Harur area, Dharmapuri district.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Alleged Iregularities in Ministry of Mines

5120. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints of cirruption in the Undertakings/organisations functioing under his Minsitry during the last three years;

(b) if so, the whether any action has been taken agsisnt the officials found guilty;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial meaures taken/being taken by the Governemtn in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). complaints/ allegations of misconductt or irrgulartires against indiviual officers in the organisations and Public Sector Undertakings have been received from time to time in the Ministry, organisations and Public Sector Undertakings. These complaints are examined and, if considered necessary disciplinary proceedings are intiated in accordance with prescribed rules and procedings are initaiated in accordance with prescribed rules found gulity wnere the charges are proved. For preventive, surveillance and punitive measures against such activities , organisation Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry have been proivided with a bigilance set-up under a senior IPS/other officers as Executive Director (vigilance) /Chief vigilance Officere. Then vigilance cases/activite of these Organisations/ Public Sector Undertakings are also reviewed perodically in the Minsitry to ensure proper attention and disposal of such cases.

[*English*]

Supply of Power in Bihar

5121. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power suplied to Bihar falls short of its requiements;

(b) if so,the requirement and supply of power during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the avaialbility of power in Bihar is less in comparstion to other States; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to bring Bihar at par with other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Power supply postion in Bihar during the last three years is as under:

Year	Requirement (MU)	Availability (MU)	Shortage	
			(MU)	% age
1	2	3	4	5
1989-90	6270	5440	830	13.2
1990-91	6745	4812	1933	28.7
1991-92	7415	5215	2200	29.7

Note: MU= Million Units.

(c) Availbility of power in Bihar has been less than the National average. All India shortfall in power supply during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 7. 9% whereas in 1991-92 it was 7 .8% which is less than the shortfall in Bihar.

(d) Various measures being taken to increase the availbility of power in Bihar include maximising generation from existing genrating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, reuidction in Transmission and Distribution losses,effective load management and energy conservation, assistance from neighbouring States/Systems etc.

Clearance to Bina River Irrigation Project

5122. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the clearance has been given to BIna river Irrigation Project of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so,when and if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) whether the estimated cost of the project has increased by this dealy?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). BIna River Irrigation Project has been received from the State government only in March, 1992 at an estimated cost of about Rs. 203 crores enisaging annual irrigation of 66, 500 hectares. Senior technical offices of Central Water Commissions and the State Government discussed the shortcoming relating to water availability and diversion of forest land for non-forest use in the projet report in June, 1992 and decided upon an Action Programme for compliance by the State Government.

Letter Boxes on Ground Floor in Maharashtra

5123.. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance of letter boxes on ground floor by residents in multistoryed building is compulsory,

(b) if so, since when the order of implementation was issued; and

(c) the places in Maharashtra where this order has been implemented or it is still to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Installation of Mail Box on the ground floor by addresses occupying other floors of multistroyed bulidings for delivery of their unregistered mail is prescribed, but tit will be effective only from dates to be noticed by the Postmasters General.

(b) The Order was issued on 29 . 5. 1991.

(c) The order has not been made mandatory yet. Unregistered mail for such addresses are still delivered at the floor in all places in Maharashtra as elsewhere, if Mail Box has not been provided.

Newspapers Published from U.P. And M.P.

5124. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of firms/companies printing daily newspapers in Hindi and English whose offices are located in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;;

(b) the details of those printers who are not continuing with their dailies regularly and securing newsprints allocations;

(c) the names of individuals attached with above newspapers who are holding press accreditation cards;

(d) whether some persons connected with newspapers are not brining out their details regularly and have been found misusing both press accreditation cards and newsprint allocations; and

(e) if so, the details there of and the steps contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) the information is given in the attached statement -I

(b) Only regular newspapers are allocated newsprint in accordance with the Newsprint Allocation Policy.

(c) The particulars of journalists from Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh who hold press accreditation cards are given in the attached statement-II

(d) No instance of misuse of accreditation cards by correspondents has been reported by PIB. Irregular newspapers do not qualify for newsprint allocation.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT - I

The details of firms/companies printing daily newspapers in Hindi and English from Uttar Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh as on 31.12.1990

Name of firm/company	*Name of the newspaper and place of publication*
UTTAR PRADESH	
The Associated Journals Ltd	National Herld, Lucknow
-do-	Navjivan, Lucknow
Allahabad Patrika (P) Ltd.	Northern India Patrika, Allahabad
-do-	Northern India Patrika, Lucknow
-do-	Northern Partika, Kanpur
-do-	Amrita Prabhat, Lucknow
-do-	Amrita Prabhat, Allahabad
The Pioneer Ltd.	Pioneer, Lucknow
-do-	The Pioneer, Varanasi
-do-	Swatantra Bharat, Kanpur
-do-	Swatantra Bharaat, Lucknow
-do-	Swatantra Bharat, Varanasi

Name of firm/company	*Name of the newspaper and place of publication*
Jansewak Karyalaya Ltd.	Times of India, Lucknow
-do-	Navbharat Times, Lucknow
Satyam Prakashan	Nav Satyam, Bareilly
Gupta Bandhu Prakashan	Rashtra Chinh, Gorakhpur
Chetna Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.	Swatantar Chetna, Lucknow
-do-	Swatantar Chetna, Gorakhpur
Janan Mandal Ltd.	Aj, Lucknow
-do-	Aj, Varanasi
-do-	Aj, Gorkhpur
-do-	Aj, Bareilly
-do-	Aj, Kanpur
-do-	Aj, Agra
Amar Ujala Publications	Amar Ujala, Moradabad
-do-	Amar Ujala, Agra
-do-	Amar Ujala, Bareilly

Name of firm/company	*Name of the newspaper and place of publication*
-do-	Amar Ujala, Meerut
M/s. Garun Prakashan (P) Ltd.	Vishwa manav, Saharanpur
-do-	Vishwa Manav, Bareilly
Vidya Prakashan	Vritant, Unnao
Sandesh Prakashan	Yug Sandesh, Bareilly
Rajendra Prakashan	Balikshetra, Balia
Jagran Prakashan (P) Ltd.	Dainik Jagran, Agra
Jagran Limited Dainik Jagran, Meerut	
Jagran Prakashan (P) Ltd	Jagran (Dainik), Bareilly
Jagran Prakashan	Jagran(Dainik), Kanpur
Jagran Publication	Jagran (Dainik),Lucknow
-do-	Jagran (Dainik), Allahabad
-do-	Jagran (Dainik), Gorkhpur
Apsara Prakashan	**Ek Jhalak, Shahajahanpur**

Name of firm/company	Name of the newspaper and place of publication
M/s. Naya Sansar Publications	Himalaya, Moradabad
Purvottar Samachar Sansthan Ltd.	Hindi Dainik, Gorakhpur
Janvarta Prakashan (P) Ltd.	janvarta, Varanasi
Gayatri Prakashan (P) Ltd.	Lok Jan Samachar, Kanpur
Prakash Krishan Chandra Prakashan	Lucknow Mail, Rai Bareilly
-do-	Lucknow mail, Lucknow
MADHYA PRADESH	
M/s. Writers & Publisher Ltd.	Dainik Bhaskar, (English) Bhopal
-do-	Dainik Bhaskar, Ujjain
-do-	Dainik Bhaskar, (Hindi) Bhopal
-do-	Dainik Bhaskar, Gwalior
-do-	Dainik Bhaskar, Jabalpur
Aacharan Printers Pvt. Ltd.	Aacharan, Sagar
-do-	Aacharan, Gwalior
-do-	Dainik Aacharan, Gwalior

Name of firm/company	*Name of the newspaper and place of publication*
Azad Publications	Amar Sainik, Morena
Pragati Prakashan Ltd.	Amrit Sandesh, Raipur
Patrakar Prakashan	Desh Bandhu, Satna
-do-	Desh Bandhu, jabalpur
-do-	Desh Bandhu, RAipur
A.E. Publications Pvt. Ltd.	Gyan Yug Prabhat, Jabalpur
M/s. Associated Printers & Publishers (M.P) Pvt. Ltd.	Indore Samachar, Indore

STATEMENT - II

List of Accredited Correspondents representing dailies/Weeklies published from Uttar Prppadesh/Madhya pradesh

Sl.No	*Name of Journalists*	*Name of Deilies/Weeklies represented*
1	*2*	*3*
	UTTAR PRADESH	
1.	Shri R.C. Pandi	Aj, Varanasi
2.	Shri Arvind Kumar Singh	Amar Ujala, Agra
3.	Shri Suresh Singh	Amrita Prabhat, Allahabad
4.	Shri Shiv Shankar Goswami	-do-
5.	Ms. Indu Arora	Gandiva, Varanasi
6.	Shri Ganesh Shukla	Jan Morcha, Lucknow
7.	Shri Jgdish Kumar Sharma	Janta Yug, Aligarh
8.	Shri Vijai Shanker	-do-
9.	Shri Krishna Kumar	Meerut Samacher, Meerut
10.	Shri Jamna Das Akhtar	Muzaffamgar Bulletin, Muzaffarnagar
11.	Shri R.K. Joshi	Pioneer, Lucknow

Sl.No	*Name of Journalists*	*Name of Deilies/Weeklies represented*
1	*2*	*3*
12.	Ms. Saroj Nagi	-do-
13.	Shir P.G. Thakurta	-do-
14.	Ms. Shubha Singh	-do-
15.	Pradeep Puri	-do-
16.	Shri K.V. Ramesh	-do-
17.	Shri Prakash Kumar Patra	-do-
18.	Ms. Ritu Sareen	-do-
19.	Shri D.D. Paliwal	Sainik, Agra
20.	Shri D.S. Mehta	Uttar Ujala, Haldwani
21.	Sshri Umakant Lakhera	Vishwa Manav, Bareilly
22.	Shri Vijay Sekhri	Hint, Ghaziabad (Weekly)
23.	Shri Kamal Sekhri	-do-
24.	Shri Kuldeep Kapoor	Prayagraj Times, Allahabad

Sl.No	Name of Journalists	Name of Deilies/Weeklies represented
1	2	3
	MADHYA PRADESH	
1.	Shri Sunil Kapoor	Dainik Bhaskar, Bhopal
2.	Shri Chaturbhuj Mishra	-do-
3.	Shri Rakesh Kumar	Dainik Nai Duniya, Bhopal
4.	Shri Devendra Upadhyay	Desh Bandhu Rajpur
5.	Shri Rajeev Ranjan Nag	Jagran, Bhopal
6.	Shri Bachchan Srivastava	Jagran, Jhansi
7.	Shri Kamal Ayub	madhya pradesh Chornicle, Bhopal
8.	Shri Ram Sharan Joshi	Nai Duniya, Indore
9.	Shri Manohar Puri	Swadesh, Gwalior
10.	Shri R.K. Sharma	Swadesh, Bhopal
	Jagran Publications	Jagran, Rewa
	jagran Publications	Jagran, Bhopal
	-do-	Jagran, Indore

Sl.No	*Name of Journalists*	*Name of Deilies/Weeklies represented*
1	*2*	*3*
	Vimal Publications	Jian Ankubhuti, Ujjain
	Ganesh Pur Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. Nidhi	Lok Gatha, Gwalior
	Sarvajanik Publications	Sarvajanik Nidhi, Khandwa
	Shree Rewa Prakashan Ltd.	Swadesh, Bhopal
	-do-	Swdesh, Raipur
	-do-	Swadesh, Indore
	-do-	Swadesh, Gwalior
	Vishwa Bharaman Printers & Publishers (Pvt) Ltd.	Vishva Bharaman, Indore

Master Plan for Power Generation

5125. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Master Plan has been prepared by the Central Electricity Authority for generation of power in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof statewise; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated and the Power to be generated thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir. The Central Electricity Authority has prepared and Report on "Perspective of National Power Development upto 20006-2007 (end of Tenth Five Year Plan).

(b) The Report indicates that the country's power system, would need additional power plants capacity of the order of 1.20. 000MW to 1. 30, 000 MW along with ,attaching transmission and distribution system, during the next 15 years. Planning for power development needs a realistic forecast over long -terms horizon to assess the electricity demand of various power regions in the country. State-wise capacity additions have not been worked out in the Study. Region-wise generation capacity addition is as follows.

Region	*Installed capacity (MW) at the end of 10th Plan (2006-2007)*
Northern	64446
Western	57101
Southern	49611
Eastern	35664
North-Eastern	4480
All India	211302

(c) Based on current prices, fund of the order of Rs. 450.00 crores may be required to support the investment of 15 years power development plan. The investment decision and funds allocation are made by the Planning Commission on approval of the planned programme by the National Development Council. An outlay of Rs. 79, 589 crores for the power sector during the 8th five Year Plan has been approved by the National Development Council.

[*Translation*]

Coverage of all party meet by Doordarshan Correspondents

5126. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan correspondrs were deputed for the coverage of an All party members of Parliamentary and Members of Legislative Assembles belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes conference held on 6th and 17th June, 1992 at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of corespondents deputed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Correspondents are not the only source of news gathering. News bulletins of Doordarshan which also contained its virtual coverage provided by Doordarshan's camera Unit debuted to cover the said event were used for the purpose.

Rural Electrification in Maharashtra

5127. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for rural electrification in Maharashtra during 1991-92, district-wise; and

(b) the extent of achievement made in this report.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a)and (b). Maharashtra State has already achieved cent percent electrification of villages (except villages not feasible for electrification) and no target in this regard was fixed for the State during 1991-92. Regarding energisation of pumpsets, against the approved target of 48300 pumpsets under REC and State Plan, Maharashtra State Electricity Board programmed to energise 50, 000 pumpsets during 1991-92. MSEB has reported energisation of 86, 656 pumpsets, the district-wise targets and achiements of which are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise Targets and Achievement for pumpsets energisation in Maharashtra during 1991-92

Sl.No	*Name of the District*	*Taraget*	*Achievement*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Gr. Bombay	0	0
2.	Thane	400	676
3.	Raigad	200	314
4.	Ratnagiri	200	514
5.	Sindudurg	400	724
6.	Nasik	3500	7224
7.	Dhule	2000	3442
8.	Jalgaon	2000	4216
9.	Ahmednagar	3500	5647
10.	Pune	4000	7500
11.	Satara	2000	3897
12.	Sangli	2000	4418

Sl.No	*Name of the District*	*Taraget*	*Achievement*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
13.	Solapur	4000	6672
14.	Kolhapur	100	2558
15.	Aurangabad	2100	3309
16.	Jalna	1700	2055
17.	Parbhani	2200	3306
18.	Nanded	1800	2739
19.	Beed	3000	3359
20.	Osmanabad	1900	2343
21.	Latur	1800	2581
22.	Buldhana	2000	3597
23.	Akola	1500	2453
24.	Amravati	1000	2923
25.	Yeotmal	1500	2404
26.	Wardha	900	1502

Sl.No	*Name of the District*	*Taraget*	*Achievement*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
27.	Nagpur	2000	3536
28.	Bhandara	700	1525
29.	Chandrapur	500	896
30.	Gadchiroli	200	326
	Total	50000*	86656

* The targets fixed by Maharashtra State Elecy. Board.

Power Position in Orissa

5128. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power proposed to be added in Orissa by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). A total additional generation capacity of 2576 MW which includes 1840 MW of thermal and 736 MW of hydel is exported to be inducted by the end of the Eighth Plan in the state of Orissa. The following projects have been identified for yielding benefits in the Eighth Plan in the State of Orissa:

Sl.No.	Name of the Project and final Capacity	Benefits during 1992-97
	STATE SECTOR	
1.	Rengali Extension Unit-5 (3x50 MW)	50 MW
2.	Upper Indirawati (4x150 MW)	600 MW
3.	Upper Kolab Unit-IV (1x80 MW)	80 MW
4.	Potteru (2x3 MW)	6 MW
5.	Ib Thermal Power Station (4x210 MW)	840 MW
	CENTRAL SECTOR	
6.	Talcher-I Thermal Power Station (2x500 MW)	1000 MW
	Total	2576 MW

Power Projects of Orissa

5229 SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on going power projects in Orissa;

(b) the power projects taken up in the State during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the present status of these projects and the time by which they are likey to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

REC in U.P. and Rajasthan

5130. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and achievements in rural electrification in Rajassthan and Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to electificy the remaining villages in these states during Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) The targets and achievements for rural electrification in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during last three years i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:-

	Villages					
	1989-90		*1990-91*		*1991-92*	
	*T**	*A**	*T*	*A*	*T*	*A*
Uttar Pradesh	2365	1832	2350	2207	750	744
Rajasthan	1010	1805	510	839	550	

	Pumpsets					
	1989-90		*1990-91*		*1991-92*	
	T	*A*	*T*	*A*	*T*	*A*
Uttar Pradesh	20000	19573	16100	18506	12600	22134
Rajasthan	16000	29596	14200	33987	10450	25100

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(b) The overall time schedule for electrification of the remaining villages in these States will depend upon the availability of resours and Annual Plan allocation made for the purpose during the 8th and subsequent Plan periods. For the year 1992-93, Rs. 64.30 crores and Rs. 86. 05 crores has been allocated for Rural Electrification works in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh respectively.

Narmada Water Dipute Tribunal

5131. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA:
SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:
SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA):
SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SRHI HARIN PATHAK:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:
SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal award of 1979;

(b) the extent to which the award had been implemented by the respective State Governments;

(c) the progress made with regard to the rehabilitation of the people around the Narmada Valley;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up an independent commission to review the project;

(e) if so, the details thereof, including its composition and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A Statement I is enclosed.

(b) In accordance with the directives of the Narmada Water disputes Tribunal the Narmada Sagar Dam shall be completed concurrently with or earlier than the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam. In accordance with this stipulation in the Aard construction programmes for both these projects have been framed by the State Governments of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. According to the latest implementation schedules prepared for completion of these projects, the Sardar Sarovar Dam is expected to be completed by June, 1998, while the Narmada Sagar Dam is proposed to be completed upto the crest level by June, 1998. The work of rehabilitation and resettlement of oustees from the submergence area of the Sadar Sarovar Dam is in progress as per schedule. The policies adopted by the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for rehabilatation and resettlement of the project affected people are far more liberal than those provided under the Award. appropriate institutional mechanism have been set up for implementation of the decision of the Tribunal.

(c) Statement II is enclosed

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The construction of the Sardar Sarovar Project is being monitored by the Sardar Sarover Construction Advisory Committee. The implementation of rehabilitation & resettlement and the environmental sefeguared measures are being monitord by the Narmada Control Authority. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources is Chairman of both these Committees. In addition, the World Bank has also been monitoring the progress in the implentatation of the various aspects of the project periodically through bank Missions.

STATEMENT -I

The salient features of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award of 1979 are as follows:

1. The utilizable quantum of water of the Narmada at Sardar Sarovar Dam Suite on the basis of 75 percent dependability should be assessed at 28 million acre feet (34, 537. 44 million cubic metres) which will be shared by the party States as under:-

Madhya Pradesh	:	18.25 MAF	(22, 511. 01 M.Cu.m)
Gujarat	:	9.00 MAF	(11, 101. 32 M.cu.m)
Rajasthan	:	0.5 MAF	(616. 74 M.Cu.m)
Maharashtra	:	0.25 MAP	(308. 37 M.Cu.m)
Total		28. 00 MAF	(34, 537. 44 M.cu.m)

2. The height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam should be fixed for Full Reservoir Level + 138 . 68 metre and maximum Water Level at + 140.21 metre. Gujarat shall take up and complete the construction of the dam accordingly.

3. The net power produced at Navagam at canal head and river bed power houses at any day will be sharded by the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat in the ratio of 57: 27: 16. The capital cost of the power portion of the project including transmission lines in Guajrat State constructed for supplying powers to Madhya Pradesh and Maharasthra, 56.1 percent of the net cost of common facilities such as Dam and appurtenant works i.e. Unit-I of Sardar Sarovar project after allowing for credits, if any and operation and maintenance cost of the Sardar Sarovar power complex each year shall be shared by the three states in the same ratio as above.

4. Sharing of the cost of irrigation components of the Sardar Sarovar Project between Gujarat and Rajasthan in the ratio 18: 1.

5. Madhya Pradesh shall take up and complete the construction of Narmadasagar Dam with FRL; 262. 12 M. concurrently with or earlier than the construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam.

6. Acquisition of land for rehabilitation and resettlement to oustees.

7. Provision for rehabilitation and resettlement to oustees.

8. Setting up of Narmada Control Authority for the purpose of securing compliance with the implementation of the decision and orders of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal.

9. Setting up of Review Committee.

10. Setting up of Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee with a view to ensuring efficient, economical and early execution of the Sardar Sarovar Project.

STATEMENT - II

Status of Progress : Resettlement & Rehabilitation

Sl.No	*Item*	*Unit*	*Achievement upto June '92*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
a) in Gujarat			
1.	Allotment of Agricultural land	i) No. of PAPs ii) Area in ha	4942 9880
2.	Allotment of House Plots	No. of PAPs	3824
3.	Relocation sites	No.	201
4.	Payment of subsistence allowance	No. of PAPs	4323
5.	Payment of Rehabilitation grant	No. of PAPs	1667
6.	Payment of Ex-gratia	No of PAPs	4177
7.	PAP families who are given productive assets	No. of PAPs	8180
8.	Employment provided to PAPs	No	373
9.	Insurance cover	No.	5418
10.	Civic Amenities provided:		

Sl.No	*Item*	*Unit*	*Achievement upto June '92*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	a) primary School	No.s	15
	b) Well	No.	32
	c) Hand pump	No.	135
	d) Internal road	No.	69.84
	e) Approach road	Km	23.35
	f) Tree platform	No.	80
	g) Electrification	(No. of resettlement sites)	19
	h) Transit sheds	No.	3351
	B) in Maharashtra		
1.	Allotment of Agricultural land	No. of PAPs	49
2.	Allotment of House plots	No.	59 (inc. 10 major sons)
3.	Civil amenities provided:		
	a) Primary School	No.	1
	b) Hand Pump	No.	1

Sl.No	*Item*	*Unit*	*Achievement upto June '92*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	c) Dispensary	No.	1
	d) Seed Store	No.	1
	e) Panchayat Ghar	No.	1
	C) In Madhya Pradesh		

33 relocation sites have been selected for 36 submergence villages. 305 hectares agricultural land is also identified Construction of civic amenities at 6 relocation sites are in progress.

Japanese Tourists in Manipur

5132 SHRI YAIMA SINGH YAMNAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Japanese have been visiting the State of Manipur annually;

(b) if so, the total number of Japanese visited Manipur during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any request has been received from the Government of Japan for the construction of memorial in memory of Japanese who laid their life during the Second world war; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). As per the information available from the State Government the number of Japanese tourists who visited Manipur during 1989, 1990 and 1991 were 16, 34 and 190 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has agreed to the proposal.

Anpara - B Thermal Plant

5133. SHRI RAJENDRA AGANIHOTRI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in regard to Anpara-B Thermal Power Project, the Government of U.P. has been asked to pay the difference with the result that the State Government is not getting 100% additionally inspite of specific orders by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to rectify this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Sanction of Telephones by Chief General Managers

5134. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI KESRI LAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received about the present procedure whereby the Chief General Managers of Telephones in State Capital have been authorised to sanction telephone connections on the recommendations of Members of Parliament, which takes longer time in processing and sanctioning of telephones as compared to the earlier centralised system from Delhi; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No, Sir. majority of the telephones recommended by Hon'ble M. Ps. are installed within a period of 30 days. However, in a few cases due to technical non-feasibility and delayed receipt of registration particulars from the parties etc., installation of telephone connection takes a bit longer time.

[*English*]

Gas Based Power Plants in Andhra Pradesh

5135. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the schemes formulated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for four gas based power plants on the basis of projection made by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle with the power crisis in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilisation of Hydel and Natural Gas for Power Generation

5136. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the hydel and natural gas resources estimated in the state for power generation, State-wise;

(b) the details of utilisation of these resources so for; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of these resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). A Statement showing the potential of hydroelectric projects and allocation of gas for gas based projects as assessed in various states is given below

STATEMENT

Sl.No	*State*	*Hydro Potential assessed @ 60% Load Factor (in MW)*	*Total % of hydro Potential developed + under development + CEA cleared*	*Allocation of Gas (in MMSCMD)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Andhra pradesh	2909.0	49.21	1.90
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	26756.0	1.41	-
3.	Assam	351.0	57.69	4.28
4.	Bihar	538.0	61.51	-
5.	Goa	36.0	0.00	-
6.	Gujarat	409.0	60.96	7.55
7.	Haryana	64.0	98.96	2.00
8.	Himachal pradesh	11647.0	23.92	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	7487.0	15.8	-
10.	Karnataka	4347.0	60.61	-
11.	Kerala	2301.0	60.12	-

Sl.No	*State*	*Hydro Potential assessed @ 60% Load Factor (in MW)*	*Total % of hydro Potential developed + under development + CEA cleared*	*Allocation of Gas (in MMSCMD)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2774.0	64.85	-
13.	Maharashtra	2460.0	53.06	6.00
14.	Manipur	1176.0	6.68	-
15.	Meghalaya	1070.0	11.37	-
16.	Mizoram	1455.0	4.99	-
17.	Nagaland	1040.0	7.87	-
18.	Orissa	1983.0	55.95	-
19.	Punjab	922.0	97.51	-
20.	Rajasthan	291.0	68.96	2.0
21.	Sikkim	1283.0	26.42	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	1206.0	83.36	2.06

Sl.No	*State*	*Hydro Potential assessed @ 60% Load Factor (in MW)*	*Total % of hydro Potential developed + under development + CEA cleared*	*Allocation of Gas (in MMSCMD)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
23.	Tripura	9.0	94.44	4.49
24.	Uttar pradesh	9744.0	25.66	5.75
25.	West Bengal	1786.0	11.12	5.75

(c) The Government proposes to gradually restore the optimal ratio of 40 to 60 between hydel and thermal power generation capacities in overall installed capacity in the country by accelerating hydro-power development in the coming five year plan periods and also by taking all necessary steps to develop gas based power generation to the maximum extent feasible.

Upper Indravati Power Project

5137. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of Upper Indravati hydro-electric project in Orissa;

(b) the schedule of the commissioning of first, second, third and fourth units of the project; and

(c) the progress made so far on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The installed capacity of the Upper Indravati Hydroelcrric Project in Orissa is 600 MW (4x150 MW). As per present assessment, Units 1,2,3 & 4 of the project are likely to be commissioned during 9/93, 1/94 5/94 and 9/94 respectively.

(c) The concerning oif barrel of Unit-I, the lower foundation of Unit-II, put liner of Unit-III and the spiral casing of Unit-IV have been completed. The coffer dam at intake to Head Race Tunnel (HRT) has been rebuilt after flood accident during July, 1991. The penstocks butterfly valves have been ordered on M/s BHEL and major components of TG sets have been received from Fuji, Japan.

Misuse of AI Plane

5138. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 13, 1992 to Unstarred Question No. 808 regarding AI plane used by pilot for personal use and state;

(a) the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the erring pilot commander of the Air India's plane;

(b) the estimated loss caused to the Air-India on account of fuel consumption and traffic revenue which would have accrued had the Plane carried the Passenger-load; and

(c) the effective measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The enquiry is still in progress and detailed information will be laid on the table of the House after its completion.

Missing Cheques of Doordarshan

5139. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6291 on april, 6th 1992 and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the matter has since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the reaction of the postal authorities, Parliament Street Post Office and the Managers of the Nationalised Banks with whom the matter was taken up; and

(d) the further action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). The matter is still under investigation. But, out of the three cases of fraudulent encastment of cheques. one has since been settled, with Canara Bank, Shakti Nagar, Delhi making recovery of Rs. 2, 05. 800/;-. The other two cases are being pursued with the concerned banks as well as the postal authorities. Further action will be taken only after completion of the investigation.

Task Force in DESU

5140. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Task Force to suggest measures for reducing fault incidents and improving the quality of consumer service by DESU;

(b) if so, whether it has submitted any report;

(c) of so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). A. Task Force has been set up by the Government to monitor the demand and availability of power and to suggest suitable measures to improve the power supply postion in Delhi. The postition is reviewed by Task Force regularly, and necessary follow up action is taken by DESU and other concerned agencies on its observations. suggestions which mainly relate to the progress of construction of various transmission lines, sub-stations, installation of shunt capacitors, etc.

This Task force does not specifically look into the fault incidents in the distribution system of DESU or the aspect of consumer service.

Indian Airlines employees involved in Narcotic Trade

5141. PROF RAM KASPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain employees of the Indian Airlines have been arrested by the Narcotics cell officers (Times of India dt. Jan. 21, 1992 Bombay edn).

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been held in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). One loader of Indian Airlines was arrested on 21.11.91 by the Narcotics cell and 500 gms of heroin was recovered from him.

(c) to (e). The police have registered a case against him. The employee has been placed under suspension from the date of his arrest

Installed Capacity of Aluminium Plants

5142. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the installed production capacity of aluminium plants in the country;

(b) the target fixed for production of aluminium during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the strategy adopted to expand the present installed capacity during the plan;

(d) whether the government propose to set up Captive Power Plant for aluminium plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The installed capacity of aluminium plants in the country is 6, 10,000 tonnes per annum.

(b) The Working Group on Aluminium has estimated the availability of aluminium during the VIIIth Five Year Plan as follows:

Year	*Availability* (*Tonnes*)
1992-93	503, 000
1993-94	540, 000
1994-95	550, 000
1995-96	550, 000
1996-97	550, 000

In respect of Govt. owned National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) and Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) the targets of aluminium production for 1992-93 are 195, 000 tonnes and 94,000 tonnes respectively.

(c) Industrial lincencesing has been abolished for aluminium industry. However, National aluminium Company Ltd. in the Public Sector has initiated a proposal for expansion of its existing capacity.

(d) and (e). NALCO and BALCO, the two public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Mines have set up Captive Power Plants as follows:-

Company	*Capacity in MW*
NALCO	5 units of 120 MW each 6th unit of 120 MW is under construction.
BALCO	4 units of 67.5 MW each.

Regional Offices of NFDC

5143. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where the branches of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) have been set up in the country;

(b) whether there is only one branch of NFDC in Orissa at Cuttack;

(c) whether there has been growing demand to set up another branch at Sambalpur in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) National Film Development Corporation with its headquarters in Bombay has regional offices in Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and branch offices in Guwahati, Cuttack, Patna, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Fresh Measure to protect Freedom of Press

5144. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take any fresh legislative measure to protect the freedom of the press; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tri-Lingual Journal House 'Dilli'

5145. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has closed down the Tri-lingual Journal House "Dilli'.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the staff involved have resented against the closure; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a measure of economy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Steel

5146. SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed a Mou with a Middle Easr and Engyptian company for supply of steel for the construction of power transmission towards;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions laid down in MOU:

(c) the time by which the steel is proposed to be supplied to the above firms; and

(d) the estimated foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Setting up of Diesel Generating Project in Kerala

5146-A SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala requested to the Union Government for setting up of Diesel Generating project in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Government of Kerala have submitted the following proposals for Diesel based power stations for which they have sought external bilateral assistance;

Project	*Capacity (MW)*	*Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)*
1	*2*	*3*
Kasargode	60	13085
Brahampuram	100	2968
Vadakara/Kozikode (near Calicut)	120	24611

The Central Electricity Authority has prima facie, accepted the feasibility of these proposals. Techno-economic and investment approval to these projects can be accorded only after various inputs are tied up by the Government of Kerala.

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister of Welfare, Shri Sitaram Kesri is going to make a statement at 12.00 O'clock. My submission is that it will be better if he does the same now. The hon. Minister is present here at the moment,

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow him. He has given me a letter. He is going to make a statement. But before that, i will allow a few others. *(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: It will be better if he makes the statement now. There is a conference. We people are going to attend the same. If he does not make the statement now, then let him do the same when we come back.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister is present here. It would be better if he makes his statement at 12.00 O' Clock.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: He is there. He is ready with the statement. He is going to make a statement.

Mr. Hari Kishore Singh has raised some issue of very great importance about Mizoram. Let him raise it.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): On this, I have given call attention notice. You allow a discussion on this. *(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH (Sheohar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the august House and the Government to a very tragic incident. About 100 labourers were killed due to land-slide in the capital of Mizoram. Most of them belong to Bihar who were putting up in two camps. Dozen others sustained injuries. The Government of Mizoram has decided to sanction Ts. 6000;/ - to the family of each of the deceased. Mr. Speaker, Sir, since this matter is very delicate and tragic, it needs to be considered sympathetically. The people in Bihar leave aside their hearth and home and go to other States in search of employment. The contractors keep them at places where they are not at all secure.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in a similar incident in Kashmir some years ago, 100 labourers from Bihar were buried under snow. Therefore, through you, I would like to urge the Government to sanction at least Rs. 5 lakhs as compensation to the family of each of the deceased, Moreover, camps should be pitched at such places which are secure from every point of view, so that such a mishap does not recur in future either in Mizoram, Kashmir or any other State. The labourers must be kept at safer places.

[*English*]

DR. C. SILVERA: (Mizoram) Sir, the tragic incident that happened in Mizoram is one of the worst that every happened in Mizoram. Landslides and cyclones are a usual features of Mizoram. But this type of landslide has never happened before, As the hon. member has said, a number of valuable lives have been lost. I believe, more than 70 lives have been lost. At the moment, were do not know exactly how many lives have been buried under the debris. Seventeen houses have been buried and 44 people have been injured. Till nine o' clock this morning, 24 bodies, have been recovered so far. But since the place is such a rocky place, it is almost impossible to extricate the dead bodies Unless the Central Government comes into the picture, it is almost impossible to recover the dead bodies at the moment. Sir, the hon. Member has said that most of the unfortunate ones are from Bihar. It is true that majority of them are from Bihar. But there are number of Mizos also who are involved and it is not correct to say that the contractors had put them in an unsafe place. There are concrete buildings in the area constructed by the Mizos and some of these are living there also. So, it is not correct to say that these labourers are put in an unsafe place. It is just unfortunate that this incident has happened and this is an unforeseen case. Sir, the place where the landslide has occurred is a place where building materials such as stone chips and boulders are taken both by private contractors and the Government. It is because of the incessant rains and due to repeated blasting of the rocks that this incident could have happened.

Sir, it is very unfortunate that such types of happenings had not been taken very seriously by the Centre in the past also. By April 1991 cyclone, lot of crops and houses were damaged which amounted to a loss of Rs. 36 crores. And the Centre had given only Rs. 10 lakhs from the Prime Minister's relief fund. So, Sir, seeing the seriousness of the situation, I would urge upon the Government to act immediately and do the following.

Firstly, the Central Government should direct the BRTF personnel of Aizawal to help in the rescue operation because the machinery of the State Government is not sufficient for the rescue operation. Secondly, I would urge upon the Central Government to send an observer team immediately to Aizawal to have on the spot assessment of the situation and damage and to give advice to the Government for necessary action. Thirdly, the Government should give generous relief assistance to the deceased the injured and to those people who have lost their property due to the unfortunate natural calamity.

MR. SPEAKER: I think the House sympathises with all the effected brothers and sisters from Mizoram. Generally, the Government gives whatever help which can be given. We would ask the Government to extend all the help which can be given to recover the bodies and other assistance.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: It should be investigated also *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, let the statements on Mandal Commission come I have to attend the conference. *(Interruptions)*

[*English*]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE(Dumdum): Sir, Border Roads Organisation has one problem. There is unscientific quarrying going on *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand and I know that the boarder forces, the military and the defence people can help. It is not necessary to say as to which department has to see to it. When I say Government of India, it includes everything. Please understand this. Now, even when you have not asked for and if I have given the time, then you should understand the meaning and importance of it.

Now, the hon. Minister will take a statement.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Status of Implementation Mandal Commission Recommendations Regarding Reservation

12.09 hrs.

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): 1.1 The Election Manifesto of Congress-I Party for the General Election 1991 contained a commitment that in implementing special measures for the

Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) in regard to reservation, preference would be given to the poorer sections among the SEBCs, and if candidates are not available from the poorer sections, the benefit would go to other members within the SEBCs

1.2 In view of the importance of this issue, consultations were held with the political parties. In the light of the consensus evolved through consultation with the political parties, the OM of 13.8.1990 providing for 27% reservation in favour of the SEBC against vacancies in civil posts and services under the Government of India to be filled through direct recruitment was amended vide OM dated 25.9.1991, which provided for the following:

(i) Within the 27% of the vacancies in civil posts and services under the Government of India reserved for SEBCs, performance shall be given to candidates belonging to the poorer sections of the SEBCs. In case sufficient number of such candidates are not available, unfilled vacancies shall be filled by the other SEBC candidates.

(ii) 10% of the vacancies in civil posts and services under the Government of India shall be reserved for other economically backward sections of the people who are not covered by any of the existing scheme of reservation.

(iii) The criteria for determining the poorer sections of the SEBCs or the other economically backward sections of the people who are not covered by any of the existing schemes of reservations are being issued separately.

2. The 5-Judge Constitution Bench hearing the writ petitions filed against the OM of 13.8.1990 as well as the subsequent OM of 25.9.1991 desired to know as to how and when the government would be able to give the list of economic criteria as referred to in the OM of 25.9.1991. The Court was informed that government would take a decision on the economic criteria after consulting the State Governments and political parties and after evolving, if possible, national consensus on the subject.

3. In view of the importance of the issues involved, the Supreme Court referred the writ petitions to a 9-Judge Constitution Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India.

4. The 9-Judge Constitution Bench was informed about the steps the government had taken to evolve a national consensus on the question of economic criteria. It was further informed that on this important subject, it is desirable to proceed with caution and after due deliberation, so as to promote social justice in an atmosphere of social harmony and peace.

5. The 9-Judge Constitution Bench has already completed hearing of the case and its Judgement is awaited.

6. In the meanwhile, the Government have completed the consultations with the State Governments and UT Administrations. A conference of Chief Ministers/Governors/ Lt. Governors was held in New Delhi on April 10, 1992 to discuss this issue.

7. The technical issues relating to the determination of economic criteria arising out of the deliberations of the conference of Chief Ministers/ Governors/LT Governors have been examined.

8. It is now proposed to consult political parties at the national level in order to seek their views on the subject.

9. The 9-Judge Constitution Bench has also heard arguments on the question of the constitutionality of the economic criteria. The benefit of the views of the Supreme Court may also be available by that time.

10. Government would, as soon as possible, take a decision on the economic criteria. In accordance with the Judgement of the Supreme Court and taking into account

the view of the political parties and State Governments.

RE: STATEMENT BY MINISTER

On the States of Implementation of Mandal Commission Recommendations regarding reservations.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: (Azamgarh): Sir, this is a deliberate delay on the part of the Government. It is more than a year now that the Government Committed in this House. Every time the Congress manifesto is referred to here but even after more than a year the Government has not taken any step. In his first speech in this House on the President's Address, the prime Minister announced that he will try to arrive at a national consensus by consulting leaders of all the political parties. But, now the Minister says that Government is now thinking to call a meeting. I charge the Government of tnis deliberate delay and for adopting this anti-backward class approach. Therefore, Sir, the Government should immediately call a meeting of the leaders of various parties.

Similarly, the Government has also not submitted to the Supreme Court - they have issued only one notification - as to what wil be the criteria of the reservation provision for socially, educationally backward classes and also for other backward classes. This is against the provisions of the Constitution. I would say that deliberately they have clubbed both the provisions together. There is every possibility that the Supreme Court will strike it down. In an earlier verdict the Supreme Court said that there should be 50 per cent reservation and 50 per cent recruitment should be done by open competition. But now if they make this provision of 10 per cent reservation of other economically backward classes, it will make 60 per cent reservation which goes against the earlier verdict of the Supreme Court. I think for this need a Constitutional amendment.

We have no objection to give 10 per cent reservation to other economically poor people. These people also deserve recruitment in the services; they are also unemployed and Government must do something for them but it needs Constitutional amendment. Therefore, Sir, I request you to allow a full-fledged discussion on this. This is a major national issue. Therefore, I request you to allow a full-fledged discussion on this.

MR. SPEAKER: We will take it up in the Business Advisory Committee and find out if it is possible.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the primary concern of our discussion is not as to what decision will be taken by the Supreme Court on the case pending with them. The hon. Minister is a senior Member of the House and also comes from a backward class. The Congress Party has been saying this thing since 1980 that they are electing national consensus on it. We have been making a demand on it since then. At that time also I had said that if the Government did not have clear intentions it should be frank to declare that it is not in favour of Mandal Commission. They have been keeping the report on the shelf only together dust. I want this clarification from the Government....

MR. SPEAKER: If I allow you to seek clarification form the Government, I will have to allow others also.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Sorry, it is not a clarification, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to your Knowledge that the Government had clearly said in the Supreme Court on 4th December that the concept of economic criteria will be made clear positively by 28th January and thus the hearing on the petition filed to challenge the reservation policy by the Government was postponed till 28th January. The Court, however, directed the Central Government to clarify the economic criteria by the next hearing, and that the court will not wait any further if the Government failed to do so.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to your notice that the Chief Justice Shri Kaniya, who you referred to, wanted to know from the Additional Solicitor General, Shri Altaf Ahmed as to what the Government had decided in regard to economic criteria for reservation and why the clarification to be given in the court on that day was not given. The Government has made a commitment that it would furnish requisite information by 4th December. On 4th December when the Supreme Court questioned the Governments failure, Shri Ahmed said that the information regarding the decision of reservation on economic criteria would be....

MR. SPEAKER: Paswan ji, all this has been already discussed in the Court. We agree to your suggestion that a discussion should be held on the matter. I said that it would be referred to Business Advisory Committee.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: I am going to conclude in a sentence. At this Shri Ahmed said that the Government would propose the court of their decision certainly by 25th January and that since the Government has been concentrating on deciding the economic criteria, it would finally be submitted to the court positively by 25th January.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission is that this statement was given by the Government in the court but not toospeak of january, it is already August by now and the Government has not been fulfilling it promise. What we decided was that we would not make any reference to the matter which is sub-judice. We level charges on the Government that it has always been backing out from its commitment it made to the court and that it does not have good intentions. Therefore, I want a fulfledged discussion on the issue so that we may express our views in this regard. At the same time I would allege that the Government is not in favour of the welfare of the backward classes and thus it does not want to implement the recommendations of Mandal Commission.

[English]

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum): The hon. Members from the other side have charged this Government. So, I may please be given a few minutes to put the record straight. I belong to backward community and if some benefits go to the backward community, naturally, I will feel happy. The whole problem, had been created by the former Prime Minister. He is here. He took the decision to implement the recommendations of the Mandal Commission. He deliberately did not include in the list,. a list of communities who are eligible for reservation. Sir, I make this charge against the then Government. He has not only not given the benefit to the backward community - because he had opened the Pandora's box - but he had also betrayed the whole backward community in this country. The Mandal Commission's recommendations contained, a list of 3743 communities. If he had taken the decision to give reservation to these 3743 communities, I would have congratulated him. But instead of doing that, what he did was to give a *suo motu* statement. It came suddenly from the Heaven and the backward communities were ignored totally, It was not an order. I am totally unhappy that the backward communities were betrayed.

What the *suo motu* statement contained was that it was difficult to prepare a new list. So, it had to go to the court of law. So, the former Prime Minister had deliberately opened the Pandora's box and he did not prepare the list. Therefore, the whole thing had got delayed.

I would plead with the Government to prepare a new list so that the reservation to the backward communities, who belong really to backward sections, are given the benefit. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: You make short points, otherwise, it would become a full-fledged debate.

[*Translation*]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the statement which the Government has just made on this has proved our charge we had levelled on the Government. The Government did not plead the case on 7th in Supreme Court. Just now, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has said clearly that the case was not pleased and now the Government is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court to implement it according to its own criteria, so, the Government will await the decision of the Supreme Court to fix the criteria. Shri Charles has said something to straight the record that Shri V.P. Singhji made a mess of it and today they have got an opportunity to improve the situation, then why have they not done anything to improve the situaion, if in reality there was some mess. Because there was no mess, they seek to create it and they do not want to implement the recommendations of the Mandal Commission, rather they want to bury for good that spirit and that recommendation. This is the reason they did not plead in the Supreme Court and they have added the economic criteria to it which is against the spirit of the Constitution and on this basis, they have added economic criteria for reservation for upper castes, so that on these two counts, the entire notification with regard to reservation is rendered null and void by Supreme Court decision. The first count is that the total reservation has gone beyond 50 per cent and the second count is that in Articles 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution nothing is specified about economic criteria.

They have been exposed today. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we shall make a demand from you that a full-fledged discussion be held in the House so that the entire situation may become clear.

SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH (Buxar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, when we win elections and come here, we swear by the Constitution and take a pledge that we will not take any action against the Constitution unless an amendment is made to the Constitution here. From what I have read in the Constitution and in the Article under which the report of the Mandal Commission has been submitted, there is no such amendment made to it as yet. I would like to say that by the timee an amendment is not made to the Constitution, it will be the violation of the Constitution, it wil be the violation of the Constitution to add economic criteria to it, The economic criteria is not enshrined in the Constitution but it will be acceptable by all if the Supreme Court decides in favour of incorporation of such criteria in the Constitution. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: We are not discussing it. We are going to allot you time for discussion afterwards.

SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: ....(*Interruptions)* I would like to tell the Government that tit is most necessary to protect the Constitution. The Governmment should not violate the Constitution. 85 per cent people are having emotional attachment with the report of the Mandal Commission. I would like to submit to the Government that the report of the Mandal Commission be implemented.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH (Fatehpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the statement made by the hon. Minister has aggravated our worries. I shall not touch the points raised by our colleagues. While supporting them, I would only say that it has caused worry we were afraid that this kind of a game will be played and delay make take place. The assurance given in January to elicit opinion of the political parties has not been fulfilled till today. When will the opinion be elicited is not known and in the meantime the Supreme Court will deliver its Judgement. After the Supreme Court has delivered its Judgement, a decision, will be taken here and after that decision, if someone moves the Supreme Court, it is merely a matter of getting entangled in an unending process. You said that there would be discussion on it. Without elaborating on it further, I would like to know when is the Supreme going to deliver its judgments and when are you going to hold a discussion? You allow discussion in this very session so that we are able to make all of our points.

MR. SPEAKER: Five or six Members of your party have already spoken. I have said that a discussion will be held to hold a discussion on it, if you speak, how will it go on them,... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV (Jhanjharpur).... *(Interruptions)* From the statement of the Government, it seems that the intention of the Government is not clear... *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, on a different point. Not on this issue. I do not want to hear on this issue.... *(Interruptions)*...... No, otherwise, it is going out of control.

(*Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: The Government has made its intentions clear, and it wants to adopt an evasive policy.

MR. SPEAKER: The manner in which we try to do something, you disturb that manner..... *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Do you understand that? I have said that I would take up this matter in the Business Advisory Committee and try to see whether the time is available. I have not said that we will not take it up and in spite of that you are insisting, as no one else has to say anything else on anything else.

(*Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI (Gandhinagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister said in his statement that

[*English*]

"We are prepared to hold discussion with political parties in respect of the economic criteria"

[*Translation*]

But they gave us the information that a discussion with Chief Ministers has already taken place. What was that discussion and whether any consensus has emerged in it or not, may we know it, and what have the Chief Ministers said in respect of their respective States. I believe that this issue is very important and at the time when we were supporting the Government of Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh, I believe that it might be in their knowledge that in our manifesto, we had supported the view to give assurance to backward classes broadly on the basis of the Mandal Commission. We were not opposed to it. We had added some points to it which are related with it, in the notification issued in September and then this points was not mentioned in your manifesto. I would like to say that those who support the backward classes and want to take advantage out of it, should understand from the experience of 1990-91, that conflict alone will not do any good to them. The national consensus that emerges there to the possible extent and the follow up action, will benefit the backward classes. On this basis, what has a representative of a backward class from the Congress Party said just now carries weight. Otherwise, it would not have taken two years' and your leadership would have benefited those classes. Why was it not done at that time, what was the reason that only we will throw light on it in detail, when the discussion takes only place. But today the Government should clarify it, it is not correct for the Government to avoid it. My submission is that whenever there is a discussion, we should be given information, we should be told us to what opinion had emerged at the discussion with the Chief Ministers.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I would like to tell hon. Advaniji for his information that at that time there was no question of leaving anyone. In the first phase, the people who were recognised as backward classes in their respective States, and about whom there was consensus, and those who figure in the Mandal Commission List as well these are common. It was confined to that and it was done at the Centre in first phase so that there may not be any controversy.

SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI: I did not wish to say anything on this subject but at the time when Vishwanath Pratapji was the Prime Minister, he has the information that the day on which he was going to make announcement, not only I but the other colleagues who are sitting here and whose support the Government enjoyed at that time, also said that there was no need for hurry and some advice should be taken on this issue. He had given a reply at that time as to why he was constrained to make hurry, because it was his internal problem.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: There should be no hurry but the Congress should not delay it further as well.

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpar): At the moment, we are not discussing what Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh should have done or should not have done as the Prime Minister. The question is, that this Government made a solemn announcement in September 1991.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): Solemn;

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Was it not a solemm announcement? This is the Minister, Sir; *(Interruptions)*

Well, to some Ministers it was not a solemn announcement and to some, I believe, it was a solemn announcement. We took it as a solemn announcement coming from the Government, that—

> " That criteria for determining the poorer sections of the SEBCs or the other economically backward sections of the people who are not covered by any of the existing schemes of reservations are being issued separately."

That was the indication given in September. It did not come out. The Supreme Court repeatedly asked for the criteria. In the Supreme Court it has been read out, and also in the present statement of Shri Sitaram Kesri, it is there:

> " The court was informed that Government would take a decision on the economic criteria after consulting the State Governments and political parties and after evolving, if possible, national consensus on the subject".

The question is very specific. It was not in January. In September the Government said that it would issue them separately. It was not done. The Supreme Court asked for it. The Government gave an assurance to the Supreme Court.

> "In the meanwhile, the government have completed the consultations with the State Governments and UT Administrations ."

I am again reading the statement.

> " The technical issues relating to the determination of economic criteria arising out of the deliberations of the Conference of Chief Ministers/Governors/Lt. Governors have been examined."

Every aspect, according to me, has been done.

Now, the only plea taken is that the consultation with the political parties has not taken place. But one very important thing, the Government does not seem to have any mind of its own.

AN. HON. MEMBER: What is their proposal?

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: That is precisely the point. On what important issues, would the Government like to have the views of the political parties? Merely trying to put the ball in the court of the other political parties will not help, The question, has this Government a mind of its own on this issue? They have no mind on many of the other issues. We know. We pointed it out from time to time. More often than not, they have no idea as to what they are doing, or how to face situation. But this is a very vital matter and the whole country is concerned. There is no question of the importance of this matter being minimised. Therefore, it is high time that the Government acts here when so much exercise according to them has been done. They assured in September 1991 that they were going to issue the criteria. Today we are again told that the coming inter Session will be probably used for this purpose. I do not know whether that is possible because some will be available and some will not be available. Then they will say "Sorry, we could not do it. Let us see it in the next inter session ". Let them say open and honestly that they are now depending on the Supreme Court. Let them have the courage to say that. They do not have the courage to say that. They are now depending on the Supreme Court being bailed out and, therefore, they are trying to delay the matter. It is high time that the matter is finalised as soon as possible. We have also said that the backward sections in this country do need help. There is no doubt about it. They are being victimised and they are at the receiving end for too long. Let us not continue this situation further.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH (Mirzapur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, one or two days ago, I had requested to hold a detailed discussion on Barcelona Olympics. The poor performance and failure of our country in Barcelona Olympics is a shameful thing also, because a country which is having such a large population could not even get a single medal. Even the much smaller countries like Mauritius and Surinam have also bagged medals. The very root cause of the poor performance of India should be discussed. Whatever it may be and the performance of the sports authorities should also be reviewed. The people who are managing the sports are neither associated with it nor they have any knowledge. Our hon. Minister of Water Resources, Shri Vidya Charan Shuklaji has never been associated with any sport and he do not know anything about it, then how he can give guidance to the sportsmen? The problems can not be solved by remaining on these high posts.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the defeat in the Barcelona Olympics has not only maligned the image of the country, but it is also a setback to the dignity of the country. I would like to request to take action against the persons who are responsible for tarnishing the image of the country. The natural spirit of games found in rural areas is not given due recognition and their skills are never regarded suitable for sports meets and the players selected for this purpose are from urban areas and the selectors are also from urban areas. This situation can be improved if people from rural areas given chances and this national dignity can be maintained. I hope that the Government will consider this matter seriously and hold a discussion on it. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support Shri Virendra Singh because Shri Limba Ram also belongs to rural areas who could do something but we will also have to find out as to what happened to other persons who were meritious.

[*English*]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there should be a special discussion on Barcelona Olympic Games. There also Mandal and Anti-Mandal are operating... *(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: I shall give a chance to those who have played cricket...

(Interruptions)

SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA (Ujjain): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to recite only four lines in this regard....

Hellow Barcelona,

Dekha tha

Ek Sapna sunder salona

Kansya ka ek to

Jaroor hona he hona

Par

Jab ankh khulee to

Hai ree takdeer

Huwa Whee jo tha hona.

Padak na sunhara, rajat ka bhee na mila

Aur Kansya, Ke liye Kya rona

Hai Barcelona,

Hai Barcelona.

[*English*]

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN (Almora): Sir, it is with deep concern and anguish, I bring to the notice the poor performance of the Indian Contingent in the present Olympic games at Barcelona. We were not able to secure a single medal reflects poorly on the sports Organisers and Sportsmen. In fact, in some of the games in which we were ascured of medals instead of doing well, we slipped at the last moment. The performance had brought disappointment to a country of 85 crores, and this is a matter being debated by everyone. I am shocked to read the statement of Indian Chief-de-mission that ' bad draws ' were responsible for the poor performance in the Olympic games.

The country's brightest hope Shri Limba Ram, though improved his performance, still could not manage to secure a medal for India, The country is really disappointed and I very strongly recommend that all the Organisers of the Games should be asked to resign from the respective sports bodies.

At the same time, I am amazed that the Cabinet Minister for Sports who was scheduled to visit Barcelona cancelled his visit at the last moment for political considerations at home. I am sure his presence would have boosted the moral of the Indian sportsmen.

I request you Sir, to please allow half-an-hour discussion in the House on the debacle of Indian team at Barcelona.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): India has not secured even a single medal. I support his point....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI CHETA P.S. CHAUHAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, please allow a half an hour discussion on it.

MR. SPEAKER: It is not like this. You will present a budget of Rs. 50 to 60 crore and then reduce it to Rs. 12 crore and yet you will say that this too is not correct. Please do not blame anybody,. We all are equally guilty in this.

SHRI HARCHAND SINGH (Ropar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri V.P. Singh has asked to provide reservation for all those communities which have been mentioned in the report of Mandal Commission. What I mean to say is that reservation have already been provided to certain communities but the number of those new communities should be identified which are to be included in it. *(Interruptions)*

MR .SPEAKER: If you continue to speak in this manner then.

[*English*]

I do not appreciate this. I gave you the chance and you are all the time doing like this. This is not correct.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARCHAND SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, they should be provided reservation according to their number and the upper castes should not be included in that. They should be provided reservation separately. In our state the Sawarna Hindus have been mixed with us and take away all the benefits. They should be kept separate ortwocategories 'A' and 'B' should be made and they may be given reservation accordingly... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Harchand Singh, now the subject has changed.

(*Interruptions*)

[English]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, are you allowing a discussion on Barcelona Olympics?

MR. SPEAKER: You should give me the time, then I will allow discussions on all these points.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI (Darbhanga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the performance of our country in the Barcelona Olympics has been very poor. Last time also I said the same thing. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if India has got any medal in Olympics it is in Hockey only. Whether it is Gold, Silver or Bronze it is in Hockey only but today in hockey also we are far behind. Through you, I would like to urge upon the Government to select those games only where there is some potential in India and we should call coaches from outside the country to give proper training to our players. Though, it involves some expenditure but we should call good coaches and prepare players in two-three games. It is not necessary that we should send our players everywhere and achieve nothing. We should make efforts in some selected fields like archery, horse-riding or swimming which are our traditional games. 50 crore people out of 80 crore use bicycle our country. We should try in these fields only and I hope that we will be able to do something in the next Olympics and whatever Chauhan Sahib was saying just now, is also necessary that those people who have no knowledge of sports should not be associated with the management of sports and only those who are actively linked with sorts and have through knowledge about it should be appointed on the responsible posts. Only then we will be able to get some success.

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise a serious matter here, because yesterday when the entire country was celebrating the golden jublee of the Quit India Movement of 1942.

12.45. hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

That very time, when some social workers reached ' martyrs ' memorial at Gwalia Tank Maidan in Bombay after 8 o 'clock to pay their homage, with the permission of the police and administration there, the local police lathi charged them very badly, hurt them with their boots, canes and fists. The person injured in that incident are a long-time hon. Member of Parliament Shrimati Pramila Dandavate, Shrimati Mrinal Gore, Shrimati Parikh, Dr. G.G. Parikh. Mangla Parikh and Shrimati Sharad Rao and Shri Sharad Rao. Thus a dozen of people were brutally assulted by the police.

Sir, all those persons had gone there to pay their tributes to the martyrs peacefully and with the permission of the police. The incident of their assault adds a new shameful chapter in condolence meeting. I condemn this incident in strong words and request the Government to hold an enquiry into the entire incident.. Stringent action should be taken against the police officers who have been found responsible for ordering a lathi-charge on these hon. women. The Government should given an assurance in the House that action would be definitely taken against the guilty persons.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, secondly the

golden jublee celebrations of freedom struggle which was celebrated yesterday is not a party affair but it is the reflection of the hopes and aspirations of the entire population of the country but I am pained to say that Government is turning this great resolution day into a party affair. The Committee which has been constituted to celebrate this function, I am sorry to state that it has nominated a member who has no association with the freedom struggle. On the contrary he was a recruitment officer of the British Army during second world war. This is a gross insult of the freedom fighters. I would like to a state that Government should conduct a I.B. enquiry in respect of that person. Government wants to grant him pension meant for the freedom fighters and announcement to this effect has already been made without conducting an enquiry. There can be no greater insult of the freedom fighters then this. *(Interruptions)* If you would allow me, I can give you the name of the person as well. But as per the rules and regulations of the House, I am not referring to his name. I have no problem, to do so, if you wish. *(Interruptions)* He has been ex-Minister and an hon. Member of this House... *(Interruptions)* I urge you to conduct an enquiry if he has really been associated with the freedom struggle. If such would be the course of action I would like to say with distress that we would not be able to attain our objective of building the new generation for new struggle inspired with the values of the freedom struggle. With these words, I would conclude.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: A small deviation please Secretary General has to go alongwith the Speaker with your kind permission he will report the message received from Rajya Sabha

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12.48. hrs.

MESSAGES FROM RAJYA SABHA

[*English*]

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report the following messages recéived from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:-

(i) " In accordance with the provisions of rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha, at its sitting held on the 6th August, 1992, agreed without any amendment to the National Waterway (Kollam-Kottapuram Stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals) Bill, 1992, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 27th July, 1992 "

(ii) I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on Friday, the 7th August, 1992, adopted the following motion in regard to the Joint Committee to go into the irregularities and fraudulent manipulations in all its aspects and ramifications in transactions relating to securities, shares, bonds and other financial instruments and the role of the banks, stock exchanges, financial institutions and public sector undertakings in transactions relating thereto, which have or may come to light:-

> " That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that a Joint Committee of the House consisting of 30 members, 20 from Lok Sabha and 10 Members of the Rajya Sabha constituted:
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> i) to go into the irregularities and fradulent manipulations in all its aspects and ramifications in transactions relating to securities, shares, bonds and other financial instruments and the role of the banks, stock exchanges, financial institutions and public secotr undertakings in transactions relating thereto, which have or may come to light;
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> ii) to fix responsibilities of the persons, institutions or authorities in respect of such transactions;
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> iii) in the above context to identify the

misuse, if, any, of and the failures/ inadequacies in the control mechanism and the supervisory mechanism;

iv) to make recommendations for safeguards and improvements in the system for elimination of such failures and occurrences in future;

v) to make appropriate recommendations regarding policies and regulations to be followed in future,

Made in the motion adopted by the Lok Sabha in the 6th August, 1992 and communicated to this House on the 6th August, 1992 and resolves that this House do join in the said Committee and do appoint 10 Members frame among the members of this House namely, Sarvashri S.S. Ahluwalia, Triloki Nath Chaturvedi, Jagesh Desai, Dipen Ghosh Gurudas Das Gupta, H.. Hanumanthappa, Murasoli Maan, S, Jaipal Reddy, Yashwant Sinha and Ram Naresh Yadav to serve on this said Committee."

12.49. hrs.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE - A REVIEW

[*English*]

SECRETARY GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the table a copy of Hindi and English versions of the "Financial Committees (1991-92) - A Review."

SHRI DEPUTY SPEAKER: The zero hour continues. Shri Loknath Choudhary may speak now.

SHRI LOKNATH CHOUDHARY: (Jagatsinghpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the whole House, through you, to the repeated communal disturbances in Kerala. Very recently, on the 16th July there were communal disturbances there. The Central intelligence has warned the Government of Kerala about that stating that on the background of Ayodhya issue there might to incidents of flare-up there. But the State Government's police was not prepared for it. It is the army which was able to control it. The flag march of the army only could stop the incidents there.

Again, two days back, there was a recurrence of the incident. As you know, Kerala is a peaceful State and harmonious State. We are proud of Kerala. But the frequent communal incidents there, specially in the South, are causing concern. It is a very important thing. The nation should take into consideration this matter. The Government of India and the Congress party-who have their government there should also know why their Government has failed to check the communal disturbances there which are repeatedly taking place.

The disturbances in their government is also responsible for this. Therefore, Sir, through you I request the Government to take immediate steps and also, if necessary, give instructions to the Government of Kerala to ban the communal organisations like I.S.S. and fundamentalist organisations like R.S.S. who is also involved in this. This is my submission. Thank you. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call the Members as per the list.

(Interruptions)

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (Adoor): Sir, this is a subject of Kerala. We must be given a chance to explain. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It has become an established principle in this House that the names of only such of those who have given notice in the morning will be called, and not others. I call Shri Prithviraj chavan to make his submission now.

(Interruptions)

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN (Karad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to raise an important matter regarding one of our important public sector undertakings, the H.M.T. Limited.

The H.M.T. Watch factory at Tumkur in Karnataka has got its head office at Bangalore. The Unit was set up in 1977 and for the last 12 yeas, till 1990,, it was making healthy profits, continuously, But from last year the results of this Unit are very discouraging. This profit-making Unit has become a loss-making Unit and is fast on its way to become a sick Unit. As against an estimated profit of Rs. 8.30 crores, the unit is incurring the loss of Rs. 5 crores. This is mainly because of mis-management, atrocities on employees, corruption and thefts in large scale, excessive purchase of machinery and equipments and also liquidation of a project for making Quartz, worth Rs. 50 crores, off-loading of work to outside agencies etc.

Under the above circumstances, I strongly urge upon the Government of India to intervene immediately to avoid further burden on the Government in order to create a healthy and peaceful atmosphere in the H.M.T. watch factory at Tumkur *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government and the Minister of Railways towards the decision taken by the Railway Board that the coal engines would not be operated. Consequently the labourers working in this field have been rendered jobless.

Two hundred labourers were working at Gaya and their families were being reared by their earnings. They have been working there for generation. Their forefathers were also performing the same job. They are facing acute problems due to stoppage of working of coal engines. These people have also submitted a memorandum that they should be given job anywhere. When the same had not been done they filed a case in Patna High Court. High Court issued a stay order on their case. But Railways did not pay attention to its verdict. As a result they staged a dharna on Railway line on eighth of the month. Three thousand labourers are staging a dharana. Communist party is leading them.

I would request the Government that it should provide them employment anywhere. They are all Harijans.

SHRI RAJ NARAYAN SINGH (Bauxar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Muzoram seventy eight labourers have died and forty four are injured. Newspaper reports predicts that the number will go up rather go down. It reports that many people were lying under debris who were crying for help but soon their voices submerged. This means that the number of the people has exceeded hundred. Government has made no arrangements there. Mizoram Government has been able to provide neglijible help to the victims.

The deceased are poor people. If a person dies in Aeroplane accident a compensation of one lakh rupees is given while only the rich people can afford to travel in aeroplanes. These people are poor people working on daily wages. Therefore, I urge the Government that at least a compensation of five lakh rupees should be granted to them and a member from their family should be given job. The injured should be provided with assistance.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, Shri Madan Lal Khuranaji. Kindly excuse me. Let us follow certain rules. The rule as we have very much agreed is that as per the list we will go.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi): CBI has proved that scandals worth crores of rupees have been made in Maruti scandals and thus an officer of the Suzuki whose term had ended has been benefited by crores of rupees. He was promoted to the post of Managing Director under foreign pressure. CBI had proved his case, he should have been in jail and the CBI people have observed that a case under section 420 should be allowed to be registered. I have got documents with me. I have given every detail to Mr. Speaker in writing. Maruti had been manufactured in 1983-84. Two thousand boxes of their components had been imported. Even today components worth fifty to sixty crores have been lying and getting rusted. These are useless but with all that these have been imported.

One hundred acre land has been purchased in Gurgaon. The matter was investigated and Vigilance Department reported on 16-10-91 that three I.A.S. officers had been suspended. But this person has been appointed as Managing Director. No action had been taken against him. 73-74 cars come out of the factory and they vanish the same day. They vanish but their whereabouts are not known even today.

13.00 hrs.

The C.B.I. has proved it. Such cases are 14-15 in a number and C.B.I. has proved in two cases. I talked to the concerned Minister. The Minister accepts that the scam has taken place and the culprit should be sent to jail. We want full fledged discussion on it. The Minister should make a statement on it. Whatever is going on there, is very wrong. I had also raised this matter in public undertakings. I was told that as suzuki has increased its share holdings from 45 per cent to 51 per cent *(Interruptions)*

[*English*]

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO (Sundargarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the proposed reduction of oftake of iron ore from the Barjamda sector by the MMTC during 1992-93 is likely to throw 20,000 workers mostly Adivasis of Keonjhar and Sundargarh district of Orissa and Singhbhum of Bihar out of employment. These workers have been engaged in the iron ore mines of Keonjhar, Sundargarh and Singhbhum districts. They have no other means of livelihood.

So, I urge upon the Government of India to increase the offtake of iron ore from that region of Orissa and Bihar and remove the problem of not getting job, which is prevailing in that area. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You should accommodate more hon. Members. I will call the names according to the list.

SHRI DWARAKA NATH (Karimganj): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the working of rural telegraph system in North-East is totally unsatisfactory. Sometimes, telegrams are sent just like ordinary letters and in this regard, Barak Valley is the worst affected area. I personally visited four to five rural post offices and found the neglected condition of such post offices. Telegraph machines are there, but they remain practically useless, building are old and worn out, way-side telegraph lines are not properly maintained.

So, I hope that the Communications Ministry will be prompt enough to look into the affair, so that the rural telegraph system throughout the North-East is improved and such an important public utility service is in no way hampered.

[*Translation*]

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA (Surat): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw Government's attention towards a very serious matter. The Government had constituted Eshawaran Committee about to royalty of crude oil. This committee had submitted its report in October, 1991. The Gujarat Government requested the Central Government several times to accept it and send its copy to it but the Central Government has nct taken any decision though several months have passed. Gujarat produces 6 million tonnes crude oil. In 1989 out adhoc royalty was increased by 100 rupees,. The Government has to take a decision about our royalty since the year 1990, but no decision has been taken so far. The Government should accept the Eshawaran Committee report soon because it seems that the Committee has recommended to increase Rs. 200 per day. It will fetch Rs. 120 crore to Gujarat Government per year. Today Gujarat Government is in very bad position. It has no money for development works. We all know it. Thus Gujarat Government can get 2 crore 50 lakhs in two years from the Central Government. Through you I urge the Central Government to accept and implement this committee report immediately - and clear the amount of arrears of Gujarat.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: In my constituency, Pauri and Chamoli districts (U.P.) Srinagar Hydro Electricity Project (Pauri) and Vishnuprayag Hydro Electricity Project (Chamoli) were sanctioned by to Planning Commission in the year 1988 and 1978 respectively. But it is very unfortunate that after such a long period the construction work of these projects is going on very slowly. Its main reason is inadequate allocation for these projects.

Sir, these projects have great importance for these backward hilly regions. But the speed at which construction work is going on and the manner in which the money is being allocated indicates that it would be very difficult to complete these projects even in 20 years. It will be very unfortunate. The cost of construction of these projects will surely increase with the passage of time which would be a loss to the country.

Sir, speedy construction of these projects will increase the possibilities of development of these backward hilly areas. The area will be electrified and unemployment problem will be solved to some extent. I am sorry to say that Government is doing nothing in this regard.

So I urge the Government to allocate maximum amount for these two projects and start constructs and start coonstruction work on war footing.

[*English*]

SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK (Kalahandi): Sir, I got a telephonic message from Sri Bikram Keshari Deo, MLA Junagarh Constituency, District Kalahandi, Orissa that devastating flood has been affected seriously to the people of Kalampur, Junagarh, Bhawanipatna, Dharamgarh and all adjoining areas of Hati, Tel and Udanti rivers, Due to unprecede heavy rain, the rivers of Tel, Hati and Udanti have over-banked and seriously damaged cultivated lands, thatched houses and roads delionked completely. Special central assistance and relief is needed as the State Government assistance in all spheres is scanty.

Therefore, I appeal before the august House that the Central Government should release funds to render help to the floods victims.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Sir, I would like to raise an important matter through you.

The people of Kerala are facing acute shortage of LPG connections. In Kerala, LPG requirement is growing up every day. In each agency of LPG in Kerala. there are a large number of applicants in the waiting list. The applicants are waiting for more than five years to get the LPG connections.

In Kerala, the demand for LPG is very high but allotment is very poor. Government of India are aware that Kerala has a high density of population., The availability of kerosene is very much less in Kerala there is less acute shortage of firewood in Kerala.

In Kerala, the LPG Agencies are also very much less when compared to the other States. There are a number of applicants seeking permission from Government of India, Ministry of Petroleum and on Natural Gas, for allotment of agencies.

Therefore, I request the Government of India, Ministry, of Petroleum and Natural Gas to consider the important demand of the people of Kerala and take necessary action at the earliest.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore): I would request the hon. Minister to please pay attention to this very serious matter which I am raising. It is reported in Karnataka day before yesterday in an income-tax raid that assests and cash worth more than Rs. 120 crores unaccounted was recovered from the premises of a liquor baron.

Yesterday again, another raid was conducted on the premises of another liquor baron from where more than Rs. 80 crores worth cash and assests which are again unaccounted are recovered.

It is said that a Minister in the Bangarappa Ministry has direct involvement.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, No. Don't bring in the name

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: I am not mentioning the name though I know it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Don't bring in the name of the person.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: I am not going to mention the name.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: It is an allegation.

SHRI .V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: No allegation is made. It is a fact. A Cabinet Minister of the Bangarappa Ministry and also the Chief Secretary of the State Government are directly involved and the State Exercise Commissioner and a Cabinet Minister participated in a function organised by this liquor baron a few months back

Now I would like to know from where this much money comes? Who is behind this? How many top politicians are involved in this affair? What is the Linkage between politicians and the officials with this much of unaccounted money and assets?

I would like to mention the other point. Today's *Indian Express* mentions about so many affairs in Karnataka. Probably, in three-four pages, there are so many reports which concern the economy of the country itself. Now, the JPC has been constituted. But we have been hearing that in Karnataka, the Government itself has been obstructing the inquiry being conducted by the CBI. Today, it has been reported that the Law Minister of the Government of Karnataka himself is involved in the affairs of the Fairgrowth and so many shares were recovered from his possession; he has all along been obstructing the investigations of the CBI. But if this is the affair, I do not know whether these IT Radious, further inquiry about the development into the Fairgrowth, will be conducted properly in Karnataka. I do not, at this stag, want to say that there is a direct link between the Chief Minister, the Officials and many other Ministers in his Cabinet with all these affairs. This is a very serious matter. I would like to Government to come out with all the facts to place on the Table of the House to enlighten this House about the nexus among the politicians, the top officials, the liquor barons and people who have indulged in this security scam in Karnataka. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI (Gandhi Nagar): Sir, the House has only three days back formed a Joint Parliamentary Committee to examine this entire matter. Of course, the CBI investigations will go on in a parallel manner. But the report is disturbing inasmuch as it says that the CBI's efforts and the Reserve Bank Officials ' efforts to probe the Fairgorwth Financial Services Limited in Bangalore is being hampered. It further says that it is learnt that the investigation was hampered, as for each small move, the CBI had to seek the permission of the State Law Minister who is owning the shares. I do not want to quote this. But I would certainly request, through you, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to see that the CBI is not hampered in any manner. Otherwise the functioning of the Joint of Parliamentary Committee would be, in a way, inhabited. *(Interruptions)*

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I would like to assure the hon. Leader of the Opposition that it has been the policy of the Government - it has already been decided and we have also said on the floor of the House- that the Government, in no way, is going to hamper the investigation

SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI: Not your Government but the other Government. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUDARSAN RAY CHAUDHURI (Serampore) : It is not possible for the Government of India to ask all the State Governments to cooperate with the CBI? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Please, do not have a discussion on this now. For that, the Joint Parliamentary Committee is there. It will take care of that. I am just saying that as far as our Party is concerned, there is no question of interfering into the working of the CBI. The hon. Members has said - if it is true, I do not know about this - that so much money was recovered; if they had not the cooperation, then they could not have got this much of money., So, these are contradictory statements. *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer): Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Pakistani Soldiers' attempts to help the maximum number of intruders to enter into Indian territory and to encourage the extremists are vitiating the atmosphere before the begining of secretary level talk between the two nations. They have increased their activities along the Actual Line of Control on Siachin Poonch, Rajauri, Doda border. They also rest to firing time and again. This on Indian boarder provocative activity are increasing. We have 280 kms. long boarder. This all is being done to support Kashmiri Extremists by increasing pressure on Actual Line of Control. Today there is a explosive situation Kashmir due to it.

A stringent warning should be given to Pakistan and replied to in a befitting manner. If Pakistan continues to act in such a manner and does not stop help providing to the intruders to intrude into Indian territory and continues with its propaganda against Indian army that its seven thousand soldiers have opened fire on Pakistanis which has also published in the newspapers, then we should register strong protest. Their Prime Minister is saying openly that Kashmir belongs to Pakistan....*(Interruptions)* I would like the Government to make a statement on it.*(Interruptions)*

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD (Salempur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission I would like to say something about the atrocities in Harijans. Shri Gomati Prasad was convenor of Janata Dal in Gorkhpur district. He registered a report of rape of Harijian girl in the police station. In this case the accused was arrested. They have threatened to kill him. The accused murdered him on the night of 28-29 while he was sleeping, after his release from the jail. In other case Ghorahu Harijan was fired at by a Thakur when he refused to do free work for him. He sought shelter in Sitaram Yadav's house. He was caught from there and his arms were tied with the tractor fro backside. No case of Harijan Vrs. high caste was registered in Gahga police station, Gomati Prasad told Shri Kumar Rewati Raman Singh, leader of the opposition in U.P. district collector of Gorakhpur and police captain that he might be murdered and demanded security. But police provided no security. He was murdered for raising his voice against atrocities on Harijans. The accused has not been arrested so far. They are the relatives of B.J.P.s organising secretary, station-incharge of Gagaha police station and State Home Minister. I urge when the House that atrocities on Harijans should be stopped and this case should be invested.

[English]

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune): Sir, Up till now the Indian students were selected through Indo-Soviet Medical Educational care and Research Foundation, New Delhi. Till the time of political crisis in USSR these selected students were placed in institutes which were recognised by the Indian Medical Council. However, after disintegration of USSR and in the process of separation of its States many Indian students were removed for no reasons due to change in local Governments and on *ad hoc* basis they are kept in different institutes which are not recognised by the Indian Medical Council. It is learnt that Indian Embassy in Moscow is seized of the problem and trying to negotiate with the authorities in Moscow.

I, therefore, urge upon the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take urgent and effective steps for:

(a) considering cases of all such students whether they are selected by the Indo-Soviet Cultural Foundation or by ministerial recommendation, and putting them in recognised universities;

(b) considering restoration of the loading and boarding facilities which were promised to them while taking entry into the recognized universities; and

(c) Last but not unimportant, the Indian student should be contacted to find out what other problems they face due to the change which may adversely effect their academic career and they should try to solve them.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Government towards an important issue. Fortunately, Himalayas, the highest mountain of the world is situated in the North of our country which remains covered by glaciers. In this regard a sub-commission has been constituted by India and Nepal, through which negotiations are held between the two countries. There is a scheme to construct multi-purpose dams in the rivers Karnali, Bagmati, Kosi, Kamla, Tista, Pancheswar etc., which would control foods, and provide irrigation facility etc. It is said that India has opposed the steamer service in Kosi river in recent negotiations. That has not been included in the netotiations. It is not in the interest of India as well as of Nepal. It has created misunderstanding in Nepal. The officers who take part in the negotiations on behalf of the Government of India perhaps do not have good knowledge of the subject. They should have good knowledge of the subject otherwise Nepal is our friend as well as a neighbouring country, our interests may suffer a setback while negotiating with it. Earlier too, in 1981 the Government of India had sent a report to Nepal. It is contrary to that. Therefore, the officers taking part in the negotiations of sub-commission should have good knowledge of the subject and should tackle them properly. The Government should withdraw its opposition to steamer service and should conduct the joint survey which is to be done immediately. It should not be postponed for a long time. Besides this the proposed dams on these rivers should be constructed which will change entire situation of North India as well as that of Nepal.

[*English*]

SHRI B.N. REDDY Miryalaguda): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Andhra Pradesh, the power crisis is intensifying the drought conditions and hence the Centre is requested to come forward and rescue the State.

Sir, as of now, the available energy in the State of Andhra Pradesh is around 3,000 MW, while the demand stands at almost 4,000 MW and more than 3 lakh cases for power connections in the agriculture sector have been pending for the last four to five years. And it is well known that the State is reeling under daily power-cuts affecting the industries as well as agriculture.

So far as the future plans are concerned, they have been effected when the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas had drastically scaled down the projections on the availability of gas in the Krishna-Godavary Basin. Although, in the nearby area, recently the Prime Minister had inaugurated two thermal plants, they cannot give immediate relief against this crisis.

This current crisis is worsening the already existing drought conditions particularly due to monsoon failure. In view of the serious power crisis, I would like to suggest the following alternative future power as well as immediate rescue measures.

First is to arrange the required power assistance from other States to mount over the crisis in A.P. State. Second is, on a permanent basis to speed up the gas based power projects and to clear whatever plans that are already pending. And, third is to create a Southern Gas Grid and to link the Bombay High with the Southern States as suggested by Shri N.Tata Rao, Advisor to the Chief Minister on Power.

[*Translation*]

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, some of my colleagues have raised the questions about Barcelona Olympics in the House. I share their feelings in this regard and would like to say that the whole country is ashamed of the disgraceful defeat of Indian players in the Barcelona Olympic. But it is a matter of regrets that the House is not feeling ashamed of it. Therefore, I demand that half an hour discussion should be allowed on it. The standard of Indian games cannot be raised unless the interference of politics in the sports is checked. There is no sports policy in the vast country like India. There should be a comprehensive discussion on it in the House. Those who have no connections and no relations with the sports are there in the selection committees. At least national level players of India should certainly be given place in the selection committee, All the sports organisations such as Indian Olympic Federation, Sports Federations and other Federations should be dissolved and an organisation at All India level should be constituted. Only then the standard of games can be raised in India.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you I demand that the hon, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, who is present in the House should assure that there would be discussion on it.

(Interruptions)

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, you are in the Chair. You should direct the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to hold a discussion on it. And if there is a comprehensive discussion on it. And if there is a comprehensive discussion on it, the standard of sports in India may be raised and the honour of the country may be protected.

[*English*]

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: I would like to say that we will discuss it in the Business Advisory Committee meeting. If there is time, we will surely discuss this matter in the House.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We want to accommodate as many Members as possible. For that your cooperation is also necessary. Can we extend the Zero Hour to any length of time? We should also see this point. If I observe that other subjects are to be taken up, you feel you are all hurt. So, kindly cooperate with the Chair.,

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (Tenali): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is an important issue of public importance with regard to non-grouping of Cherukupally rural telephone exchange with any neighboring STD electronic exchange. Recently STD facility has been provided to Repalte in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh and Bapatla was provided with the same two years ago. But while grouping the exchanges for local call and STD facility, Cherukupally, to Mandal Headquarters, and its surrounding villages were omitted and grouped either with Repalle or Bapatla, the two neighboring electronic exchanges with STD facility. Telephone subscribers in and around Cherukupally have been agitating over this issue of non-grouping with a nearby exchange and to extend STD facility.

Cherukupally comes under Repalle Assembly segment. And hence I urge upon the Government to arrange for grouping Cherukupally and to surrounding villages under Cherukupally rural exchange with Repalle electronic exchange and thereby extend the STD facility to telephone users of Cherukupally and its surrounding villages like kavur Vinayasramam and several other villages.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha): This House has taken very seriously the problem of atrocities on women. Very many incidents were reported and very many of them were discussed. Recently in Punjab, in Jallandhar, an incident has been reported. It is a shameful incident where hapless women, nuns, in a convent were ransacked. A few people came in the night about two weeks ago. They went into the convent and they not only looted the convent of its properties, but they had in fact molested the nuns there. Now it is stated by some people that it may be a terrorist act. But, it is very clear that this has been done under cover of terrorism and not by terrorists. Because of the shameful nature of the incident these hapless women, the nuns, had not gone and reported it to the police.

I would submit that such incidents are occurring often at different places in the country. We had the incident at Gajraula about two year ago. I would therefore applied with the Government that this should be taken very seriously. I would suggest that some kind of enquiry be made into this specific incident. All the information which I have with me will be given to the Government. I part that the Government be pleased to take immediate severe action in the matter.

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI (Sikkim): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I associate myself with the feelings expressed by Shri Thomas.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, your feeling is also recorded.

[*Translation*]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise there to make a request to the Government. My request is that there was a time when the Government of India used to lead the third world countries when they face any problem. This year several African countries faced a severe famine conditions. News pouring in from Somalia suggest that more than 3000 children are dying everyday because of non-availability of food. If you add the number of grown up persons in that you have to add 1000 more. It means 4000 persons are dying everyday in Somalia. The condition of Ithopia is even worse and today there is severe famine in the southern part of Africa, in which almost 7-8 thousand people are dying daily due to lack of food. This situation has been created by the drought. I know that we are not a rich country but the countries having sources, which are rich, they are engaged in solving their own problems. No one is concerned about Africa. I will not go into the reasons behind it. To which situation I.M.F. has landed Africa? Today Africa is not getting assistance from I.M.F. and the World Bank. Money is flowing towards them from Africa. There is a revenue flow of money. I will not raise all these issues here but I would like two raise tow demands before the Government. The first is that India should take initiative in this regard and invite informally or formally the countries of the World, which are capable of sending food grains to Africa on a common platform. Government should take this responsibility on its own shoulders extend and assistance to Africa. My other request is to send a ship load of wheats to Somalia immediately. If ship has capacity of ten thousand tonnes, send one ship to Ithopia or Somalia I will request for Somalia. But as they have no arrangement to distribute the food grain, so they expect that the Government of India would send volunteers there to distribute the food grains and to save their children from hunger. We had earlier sent our army to Africa and in several other countries of the world. Somewhere in the name of peace keeping force for fighting and somewhere indeed for peace keeping. Then send 500 soldier to Somalia so that they may distribute food among the people.

[*English*]

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: I share the concern of the hon. Member . On those few days., I saw on the BBC that the young children were scattered all over and they were very thin and lean. Most of them are almost on the verge of extinction. I share the concern of the hon., Member and I will bring this to the notice of the hon. Prime Minister.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Thank you very much.

SHRI S.B. SIDNAL(Belgaum): It is a request to ban import of raw silk. Karnataka is one of the leading States in producing the raw silk. Karnataka has produced about 6,300 tonnes of raw silk, with the assistance of the World Bank. Now often there is an import from China and other countries whereas it is totally discouraging the local production and employment also. Therefore, there should be a strict ban on this import because sericulture is one of the very good gainful employment business and also employing teenagers and even old people and yielding more income per acre than sugarcane and other crops. Therefor, allowing the imports into this country will hamper the production of silk; especially Karnataka will be affected.

I, therefore, request the Government to ban the import of silk.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there are about 40,lakhs Bidi workers in the country. want to draw the attention of the Government towards their plight. A few months back the Supreme Court had given its verdict about the provident fund but the workers are not getting its benefit uphil now. Apart from it, the Government has earned about Rs. 200 crore last year from the welfare fund which the owners pay to the Government. But the Government spent only Rs. 7 crore for the welfare of the labourers. They get very less wages like the agricultural labourers. They have not so far been issued service cards.

I would like to submit to the Government that a Central Law should be brought forward to remove all the difficulties of the worriers and to give them protection since the owners have deployed then in their own houses after removing them from factories:

[*English*]

13.37. hrs.

MATERIALS UNDER RULE 377

I) Need to safeguard the interests of Fishermen of Coastal Villages of Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagercoil): Sir, the unfavourable weather conditions during the monsoon season this year have caused grave havoc and calamities along the South West Coast of Arabian Sea. The Arabian Sea coastal villages of Kanyakumari district are the worst affected. The rough sea and cruel waves caused grave damage there. Eight fishermen, who were caught in the cyclonic wind in the sea did not return. About 350 houses of fishermen in different coastal villages of Kanyakumari district were washed away by sea. Their fishing vessels, equipment's and nets in large number have been carried away by the sea. The deprivation of their livelihood has severely affected and shaken their poverty stricken living conditions. Immediate steps be taken to put up anti-sea erosion walls wherever necessary. Their demands for fishing harbour and erection of horizontal walls vertically inside the sea in the rough weather prone areas as is done in Kerala, should be carried out here too at the earliest.

I request the Central Government to look into it.

(II) Need for reconstruction of Nylon and Nedumpaylkulam railway over bridges, Kerala

SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH (Adoor): Sir, Quilon-Madras metre-gauge railway line in Kerala is connected by two old overbridges namely Nylom and Nedumpayikulam. These two overbridges are in a dilapidated condition. There has been a long-pending demand of the people of the surrounding areas for reconstruction of both the over bridges.

Nylom overbridge is touching with MC road from Kerala. Heavy traffic is growing up every day on this road. The breadth of the bridge is narrow as a result of which frequent accidents occur there.

The condition of Nedumpayilkulam overbridge is also similar to that of Nylom overbridge.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to take immediate steps for reconstruction of these over bridges.

(iii) Need for early sanction of funds for construction of Siddhamukh and Nohar Feeders, Rajasthan

[*Translation*]

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to submit that budget for the Siddhamukh and Nohar Feeders of Rajasthan should be sanctioned. Funds should be sanctioned for the construction of Siddhamukh and Nohar Feeder in the Ninth Five Year Plan. After the completion of the Siddhamukh Feeder, a total of 86,209 hectares of land in 53 villages of Bhadra tehsil and 20 villages of Nohar tehsil of Ganganagar district and 14 villages of Rajgrah tehsil and 2 villages of Taranagar tehsil in Churu district will get irrigational facilities and havee bumper crops. Likewise, with the completion of Nohar Federin irrational facilitates will be available to 32,536 hectares of land. Out of the total cost of construction for these two feeders a grant-in-aid of Rs. 135 crore is likely to be given by the European Economic Community and the balance of Rs. 60 crore would be borne by the State Government. The total length of Siddhamukh feeder is 107 kilometer of which 87 km. will be constructed by the Haryana Government in its area and the remaining construction work will be completed by the Government of Rajasthan. 46 per cent of the total construction cost of the feeder will be given to the Government of Haryana and uphill now Rs. 1.93 crore have already been given to them for survey and planning work etc. The digging of earth upto 20 kms. at Siddhamukh Feeder had been started in January 1992 and by now about 80 per cent of the digging work has since been completed.

Therefore, I would like to request the Central Government to approve the Budget estimate for both the canals and take steps to start the work smoothly.

(iv) Need to set up an electronic exchange at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI SONTHOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to give the following notice under Rule 377:-

I have made several requests to set up an electronic telephone exchange of ten thousand line capacity at Bareilly. Bareilly is a major industrial city in Uttar Pradesh. There are about 12,000 telephone subscribers and a large number is in the waiting list. The subscribers at Bareilly are suffering a lot due to non-availability of an electronic exchanges and the Government is also suffering revenue loss due to it. I would like to request the hon. Minister of Communications to immediately declare setting up of an electronic telephone exchange of ten thousand line capacity at Bareilly, keeping in view the needs of people.

(v) Need for early commissioning of J.K. Petro-Chemical Project, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh.

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring the following matter to your notice under Rule 377:-

The J.K. Petro-Chemicals Project at Salempur in Hathras constituency of Uttar Pradesh has been pending despite its clearance since last many years. The State Government has completed all the formalities for this project. Now this project is to be commissioned by the Central Government and the contractor after completing the work. I have drawn the attention of the Government towards this project several times during the last sessions of Parliament but no satisfactory answer has been received. I The foundation stone of this project was laid by the Late Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi keeping in view the extreme backwardness of this area. This project was launched so that this area could go for an all round development and hundreds of provide employment to educated unemployed youth . I as well as the people of the area expect that the Central Government will fulfill the dreams of Late Shri Rajiv Ghandi with the launching of this project at the earliest.

[*English*]

(vi) Need to safeguard the interests of Linguistic Minorities

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj): Sir, every linguistic group in the country which forms a majority in one or more Stations, forms a minority in the other State/Union Territories. In almost every State, the linguistic minorities are not receiving a fair deal in the fields of administration, educations and information. The office of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities has a skeleton structure and Parliament has never discussed its annual reports. The major grievances of the linguistic minorities relate to distortion of the Three Language Formula in effect, removing the mother tongue of linguistic minorities from its scope, non - availability of schools with the mother togue as a medium of instruction and compulsory pre-condition of proficiency in the principal language of the State for public employment as well as step-motherly treatment in the Government media including time allocation on TV and Radio and Government advertisements in newspapers.

All this needs to be looked into sympathetically so that the national consensus. So built up, is implemented and the grievances can be removed.

(vii) Need to strengthen the Jute Industry in the Country, Particularly in West Bengal

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government to the fact that the Jute industry is facing a serious crisis. It is a fact that the major portion of this industry is located in West Bengal with 5,62 lakh hectares of land under jute and mesta cultivation, 1.5 million cultivators involved, 59 jute mills operating, 2.5 lakh workers working in these mills and many other families indirectly earning their livelihood by engaging themselves in trade, transport, storage and sale of jute and jute products. Emerging compassion from synthetic packaging materials in other countries and in India have resulted in stagnation in the jute market. The Central Government itself has drastically curtailed the purchase of B. Twill bags required for foodgrains. To save the jute industry, jute growers, workers and others, I request the Government to take the following necessary urgent measures:

(i) to replace synthetic packaging by natural fibber materials;

(ii) purchase of B. Twill bags by the Central Government;

(iii) to strictly enforce jute packaging material Act of 1987; and

(iv) to provide adequate working capital to the Jute Corporation of India to ensure its operation, guarantee of purchasing Jute from Jute growers.

(viii) Need to introduce a new train "Kanchenjunga Express" between New Jalpaiguri and Sikkim

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI (Sikkim): Railways are the arteries of our country, but Sikkim is one of the States which is not yet connected by railways. New Jalpaiguri is the nearest railway station for Sikkim. This station caters to the need of the whole of North Bengal, Bhutan, Nepal and Sikkim. The ever-increasing traffic has made the existing platform of New Jalpaiguri very congested. The platform should be made more spacious.

The reservation quota of berths and seats for Sikkim is insufficient keeping in view the increasing traffic. Further, the reservations for the people of Sikkim are available for outward journey from New Jalpaiguri but no such reservation quota is available for inward journey from Delhi or from other important places.

The people of Sikkim have to undertake nearly five hours of arduous road journey to reach New Jalpaiguri. On reaching there, they find it very difficult to get into the trains which are already over-crowded since they originate from the far North-East. This problem is more acutely felt by those passengers from Sikkim who are either sick or going out for treatment or those who are students. I urge upon the Government to look into the genuine problems of the people of Sikkim and introduce a new train from New Jalpaiguri and name it "Kanchenjunga Express' and reserves at least two bogies for the people of Sikkim till such time as Sikkim is connected by rail.

13.48 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fifty minutes past Fourteen of the clock

14.56 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after lunch at fifty six minutes past fourteen of the clock

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification under Interstate Water Disputes Act 1956 and Memo of Understanding between Water and Power Consultancy Service (India) Ltd. and Ministry of Water Resources for 1992-93 etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELCTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): On behalf of Shri Shri Vidyacharan Shukla, I beg to lay on the table:-

(1) A copy of the Inter-State Water Disputes (Amendment) Rules, 1992 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. S. O. 1432 in Gazette of India dated the 6th June, 1992 under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2470/92]

(2) A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the Water and Power Consultancy Service (India) Limited and the Ministry of Water Resources for the year 1992-93.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2471/92]

(3) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Narmada Control Authority for the year 1990-91 along with Audited Accounts.

(4) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the paper mentioned at (3) above.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2472/92]

Review on the working of and Annual Report of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd; Bangalore, for 1991-92 etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): I beg to lay on the table a copy of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619 A of the Companies Act, 1956:-

(1) (i) Review by the Government on the

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working of the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1991-92.

(ii) Annual Report of the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1991-92 along with Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2473/92]

(2) (i) Review by the Government on the working of the Sponge Iron India Limited, Hyderabad, for the year 1991-92.

(ii) Annual Report of the Sponge Iron India Limited, Hyderabad, for the year 1991-92 along with Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2474/92]

Memorandum of Understanding between the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. Shillong and the Department of Power for 1992-93.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): I beg to lay on the table a copy of the memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited, Shillong and the Department of Power for the year 1992-93.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2475/92]

Memorandum of Understanding between the Projects and Equipments Corporation of India Ltd. and Ministry of Commerce for 1992-93 etc.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): I beg to lay on the table a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the Projects and Equipment Corporation of India Limited and the Ministry of Commerce for the year 1992-93.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2476/92]

(2) A copy of the memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the State Trading Corporation of India Limited and the Ministry of Commerce for the year 1992-93
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2477/92]

14.58 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR GRANT (RAILWAYS) 1992-93 - *CONTD* AND DEMAND FOR EXCESS GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1988-89

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, we will take up items 9 and 10 together. Shri Muniappa. He is not present. Shri Vijoy Kumar Yadav.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Railways is the lifeline of every country, but unfortunately the present Central Government though admits of the regional imbalances yet it does not do anything to remove them. Especially adequate assistance is not given to the backward States for expansion of rail network.

During the debate on the Railway Budget, both the Hon Speaker and the Hon. Prime Minister, during their interventions on the issues relating to Orissa, Bihar, Bengal and other backward States, assured that the hon. Minister of Railways would take up these issues with the hon. Members of these

States separately. As a matter of fact meeting was convened by the hon. Minister to which the hon. Members were also invited, but till date no action has been taken on the demands raised on that meeting.

Unfortunately, Bihar is very backward from the rail facility point of view. Even though many seasoned hon. Members from Bihar have been the Minister of Railways, yet they did not take any steps for the expansion of railways in Bihar whereas other hon. Ministers of Railways concentrated more on their constituencies and States in the matter of expansion of railways. Even in the last Budget session issue of North versus South and one State versus another State did crop up. After the discussion it was felt that in view of the resentment by the hon. Members in the House, the hon. Minister of Railways will definitely improve the things, but unfortunately no change in the attitude of the hon. Minister is evident.

15.00 hrs

[SHRI P.M. SAYEED *in the Chair*]

I would like to submit that for a long time electrification of Mughal Sarai Asansol line which is an important line passing through Bihar - has been pending. As a result of this the most prestigious train does not run on this line, but is diverted via Gaya. If it is possible then this train should be run via Patna twice a week. For 20 years bridge on river Ganges in Patna is being demanded. Many previous Ministers in their Budget speeches assured construction of bridge on the Ganges in Patna sop as to provide a better link between North and South Bihar, but till date the bridge on the Ganges has not been constructed, nor is there any provision for it in this Budget.

Assistance to the tune of crores of rupees is given by the Government of japan for the Buddhist circuit under which Sarnath, Bodh Gaya and Rajgir are to be linked. Time and again linking of these places by rail has been discussed in which the Government of Japan is also taking interest and has given some assistance too. For the development of this circuit I would like to request the hon. Minister to link Rajgir with Bodh Gaya. Rajgir is a place of religious importance for Hindus, Muslims, Jains and Buddhists yet it is being neglected. Though it is not economically viable, yet the Government of Japan is willing to come forward with assistance. Therefore, Government should order fresh survey to explore the possibilities. If this line is linked, then it will definitely become viable and will be of immense advantage for the people of the area.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, an old metre guage line-Fatua Islampur- has already been nationalised. It has also been closed and no train is being run on it. That area is inhabited by lakhs of people. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister to construct a broad gauge line and resume train services on it. Over bridge should be constructed on the rail line passing through Patna by pass. In Jamalpur Steam Engine Workshop 22,000 workers are on the rolls. Because of the decision of the Government to phase out the steam engines an uncertainty has arisen about the fate of these 22.000 workers. Now adays wagons are repaired in that workshop and they have discharged this responsibility with excellence. There is already infrastructure. Therefore, I request that wagons and coaches should be built in that factory as infrastructure is already there. This will too remove the damocles sword of unemployment hanging on 22,000 workers on the rolls of the factory.

For years, superfast trains are running between Calcultta and Delhi. However, Superfast trains are now only for name's sake because political pressures halts have been provided at short distances to these trains without any justification and where halts were needed there these have not been provided. Therefore, I request halting of trains like Himgiri, Deluxe and Tinsukia at Bakhtiarpur, a main junction. Patna and Gaya are major towns, but there is single linking line from Gaya. Since 1980 I am a Member of Parliament and even from the earlier records, it is clear that doubling of this track is a long pending demand. Some former Ministers of Railways gave an assurance in

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this regard both to the Railway Consultative Committee and Informal Consultative Committee. Shri Madhv Rao Scindia himself gave an assurance to these committees that the track will be doubled, but till date no steps have been taken in this regard. Both Patna by pass and Fatua, through which the rail line passes are quite busy, thereby causing a lot of inconvenience to the passengers. Therefore, I demand construction of overbridge over there.

Many districts in Bihar are not connected by rail. Hazaribagh, the famous town, is not connected by rail till date, though it has been a long pending demand. To my mind this demand should be accepted quite justifiably but you will say that there is shortage of funds. Alright there could be a resource crunch but it has been a long pending demand which I think be accepted.

Railway amenities are continuously deteriorating. Additional/Supplementary demands for grants are being sought to be approved by the House and the fares are also being continuously revised. The hon. Minister for first hand experience of the things should himself travel by rail, not in special saloons with all the paraphernalia, as the people's representative, but as an ordinary man. Because after the appointment as Minister nobody travels by train and therefore remains in the dark about the difficulties of the Rail passengers. Earlier when you were not a Minister you also used to travel by train because everyone who is not a Minister travels by train only. You are definitely in know of the things, but after appointment as Minister you have turned a blind eye. Therefore, travel in the trains even after becoming a Minister, as an ordinary man without being recognised that the Minister of Railways is traveling by train. Then you will come to know of the difficulties of the Members and the passengers and the treatment being meted out to them, thereby giving no scope to anyone to complain. Improvement in amenities is always promised and the fares are also continuously revised, but the amenities are never improved. Though committees have been formed at various levels yet their functions are not known. MPs should also be associated with these committees. I am not submitting all this to you to associate me with these committees, but to make these effective for monitoring things. These committees should directly submit their reports to you. Both you and the Government should do something for the people who elected you and gave power in your hands with high hopes. Despite the resources crunch and other difficulties effective possible steps must be taken. You should not just care of passengers traveling by AC and First Class, but also for the ordinary public.

With these words I conclude.

SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA (Guwahati): Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Supplementary Demands for Grants and also the Appropriation Bill. I must honestly offer my thanks to the Railway Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would request all the speakers to conclude their speeches within five minutes.

SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA: My speech will be for less than five minutes.

I must thank the Railway Minister for taking a decision to convert the metre guage line into broad guage which has been a long standing demand of the people of Assam and of the people of the entire North-East. But I must point out that the Railway's catering to the North East has been a tale of deliberate neglect. In fact, if a railway line is the lifeline of a region's progress, I must say that the lifeline of the North-East has been established only by the Britishers and since the establishment of the lifeline by the Britishers, the North-East has been on artificial respiration.

Only a portion of the line has been converted to broad guage and now the first phase of conversion of the line from Guwahati to Landing has started and we are happy and hope that the entire line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh and Guwahati to Lakhimpur will be completed within this plan period, on time. But I must point in this connection that the funds alloted for the current year are not sufficient and because of that the work may go very slowly. I would request you to look into this aspect and see that the works do not go slow because of smaller allocation which has been made for this year. I would also like you to take note of the fact that in Assam there is no railway line which is electrified. In the entire Assam area not a single kilometre of line has been electrified, during all these plan periods. So, I would like to make a strong demand for electrifying certain lines in Assam during this plan period.

Similarly, for supply of foodgrains we are totally dependant on Railways because if we depend only on road transport, due to recurring flood and other natural calamities the road transport becomes affected as a result of which food supplies will not reach the destinations in time. That is why the Railways should pay special attention for carrying essential food items to the North-Eastern States. But I am sorry to point out that for getting necessary food supplies, sufficient wagons are not available. Even for carrying essential items like salt, people have to wait for the allotment of wagons. So, I would request the hon. Railway Minister to look into this and see that at least in matters of essential items the Railways should give more wagons expeditiously and on a priority basis.

I would also request the hon. Railway Minister to see that more and more Computerised booking is made available in the railway stations in Assam.

Sir, I would now like to speak about the general superintendence of Railways. The journey from Delhi to Assam is a matter of about 36 to 40 hours in a superfast train. I feel that the time of these 36 hours has been stretched to 50 to 60 hours because the trains are invariably running late. There is no superintendence whatsoever, there are also lots of thefts on the way. In the earlier days of Romans, to marry a girl the suitor was asked to fight a dragon, but nowadays a boy who can travel from Guwahati to Delhi with full luggage without incurring any loss or damage to his property or without suffering from diarrhoea is considered to be a very smart man for a marriage. Sir, travelling from Guwahati to Delhi is a very painful affair. There is already a psychological gap in the minds of the people of the North-East which can be bridged only through communication and exchange. Unfortunately the tiring journey increase the psychological gap because the better journey makes them psychologically bitter.

There are regular cases even ' of theft in these trains. If you approach the railway police about, there is no cooperation whatsoever. In fact at many places there are allegations that people in uniform connive with the antisocial elements. There are so many complaints like that. Last month one Khaki lady had such a traumatic experience that she almost fainted after losing all her valuables and because of the psychological helplessness she was subjected to during the journey, she was hospitalised.

Similarly if the Travelling Ticket Examiners supervise the journey in trains, then we feel there should be more supervisors to supervise the T.T.Es. because these TTEs hardly do their work. If you have a reservation, you hardly get the seat, but if do not have reservation and pay Rs. 50 Rs. 100 as bribe, then you can travel very comfortably. So, kindly see that such things do not happen. The station which lie between U.P. and Bihar are quite numerous and I feel that many stoppages are not necessary because they make the train journey unnecessarily long and tedious. If a person has to come from Guwahati to Delhi, he should be able to arrive here in a lesser span of time so that the journey becomes comfortable. I am afraid that this is not the case and that is why, there is a very strong demand and I would like o request the Minister to think very seriously and take a decision. I would like to state that a Rajdhani type of express from Guwahati to Delhi is an absolute necessity.

Similarly, for encouraging tourists to come to the North -East, I feel that special trains with tourist facilities from Guwahati to

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Kaziranga and also from Guwahati to Manas should be introduced, as early as possible. Then, there is a long -standing demand for the establishment of a devisional headquarters of railways at Ramgia. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Railway Minister that one of his predecessors, late Shri Kamalapati Tripathiji, when he was the Railway Minister, he attended a public meeting in Ramgia in my constituency, near Guwahati and he had publicly promised that a divisional headquarters will be established in Ramgia. Since then, so many Railway Ministers have taken over including the fiery George Fernandes, but nothing has been done up till now. So, I would request the hon. Railway Minister to kindly take an early decision in this matter.

Sir, lastly, I would like to say a few words about the Railway Recruitment Board. That Board has become a source of high corruption and for every job, the railway officers demand Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- including the clerical posts. In order to stop this, I would like to request the Railway Minister to kindly reconstitute the Railway Recruitment Board with members of Parliament or the public representatives so that there is lesser corruption and our younger people are absorbed in the railways.

With these words, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH (Mirzapur): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to draw the attention of the Government in regard to the Supplementary Demands For Grants in respect of the Railway Ministry. Railways play an important role for the development of any region. However, the Railway Budget presented in the House by the hon. Minister was full of anomalies. All the hon. Members had raised an objection that the Budget had not been prepared with a balanced view and that there were anomalies particularly in the matter of allocations to North and South and East and West. I have no hesitation to say that Andhra Pradesh being the home State of the Hon Prime Minister, maximum were allocated to develop Railways in South whereas the development of North has been totally neglected. Andhra Pradesh is the home State of the hon. Prime Minister and fortunately or unfortunately the hon. Minister of Railways also belongs to South. Therefore, I have no hesitation to say that the Railways paid maximum funds attention to the development of South particularly while North East and West have almost neglected. I am making a very important submission. The hon. Minister could talk to the hon. Member afterwards. He may please listen to me first. Provisions have been made for the development of Railways in the country. This is the money of the poor and rural people who work hard but lead a very miserable life. it is their money which reaches country's exchequer. The money does not come from the hon. Minister of Railways' or the hon. Prime Minister's pocket so that it can be spent for the development of South only. Therefore, my submission is that there should be balanced development of North also on the basis of the size of the population in the region. (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Please talk of the development of the entire country and not of North and South.

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: Development of the entire country should be made in a balanced way and in accordance with the size of population. If you do not want, you may not agree.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: It is not good, I will tell you later.

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: It is also good that South should be given more weightage in the matter of development in railways. One such glorying example is what has been given in the book. The Government propose to convert 337 km. of metregauge lines from Madras to Tiruchirapalli into broadgauge whereas in North only an 80 km. metre long track from Kothkapura to Fazilka and 35 km. from Purulia to Kotshila will be converted from metregauge to broadgauge. It proves that the Government pays more attention on particularly to the development of South while Eastern Uttar Pradesh already a backward region is being neglected.

The previous Government had approved the proposal of converting the metregauge line that links Banaras to Bihar into broadgauge, but the present "Government diverted the funds of this Projects to some other project and kept this project pending. The work on conversion of metregauge lines into broadgauge line between Banaras and Chapra has also been stalled. Mr. Railway Minister, all projects of converting metre gauge into broadgauge in the North have been stalled due to paucity of funds. When Shri George Fernandes was the Railways Minister, he had approved the proposal of converting the line that connects Deoria to Bihar and construction of Bagaha-Chhitauni birdge. But the work on all these projects have been stalled due to paucity of funds.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: You talk to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for this. You are an M.P.

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: The Government of Uttar Pradesh has nothing to do with railway lines or the Ministry of Railways.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is alleging. Please hear him. He is alleging against the Prime Minister.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will conclude within half a minute. Just now, the hon. Minister of Railways dragged the Government of Uttar Pradesh into the discussion. I would like to ask whether there is any relation between the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Ministry of Railways. Besides, will the Minister of Railways please reply as to how much money does the Ministry of Railways owe to the Government of Uttar Pradesh and by what the former is going to clear those dues.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: You please resume your seat. You can reply to all the points raised, when you get your chance to speak. There is no time now. Shri Virendra Singh, you have already taken five minute. You will have to wind up now. the hon. Member was referring to Uttar Pradesh. That is why, the hon. Minister also mentioned about it. Please conclude your speech.

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I do not want to intervene or try to interrupt the discussion. I entirely agree with you. Let them speak. I can finally answer. But the problem is the hon. Member wants to create an impression that we are doing things in a partisan way. It is not proper. I am not able to answer in such a lengthy way. It is better we should clear when some point is raised. It is not the question of Railway Ministry. Railway Ministry, Central Water Resources Ministry. the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Government of Bihar, all the four have to fund that Bagaha Chhitoni Bridge.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: But why the work of conversion of metregauge line that connect Banaras and Bihar has been stalled for want of funds. Through you, I would like to urge the hon. Minister of Railways to enquire as to why the work that was once started was stopped. The work should be resumed early. Only then development of eastern Uttar Pradesh could be possible.

I would like to make yet another submission in respect of the Ministry of Railways which is very important. We should not only extend the railway facilities to rural areas but also link the villages with development. One may ask what relations do the Railways have with villages? In reply to that I will say that village youth take interest in sports. due to lack of job opportunities, they work in fields as farmers. I want that talent players from villages

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should be provided jobs in railways on priority basis, which they deserve. One will come across a number of such young boys in villages who can become good players with a little bit support. I know that the railways have been extending help by providing jobs to promising players. However, the work is not being done with required honesty. Therefore, I would like to submit that in order to ensure that politics does not enter sports, jobs should be provided to village sportsmen in railway service. If this work is done honestly, our country will not have to face the humiliation it had at Barcelona this time. The railways can certainly make its contribution to this task. If this Ministry extends its cooperation, we can certainly avoid the humiliation we had to face at Barcelona. Therefore, I would like the Government to pay attention to it and take some concrete measures in this regard. With these words I conclude.

[*English*]

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha): Sir, I will be very brief because I have already given the points to the Minister in the Consultative Committee which was there two days back. But I will just mention one or two important points which I would like to mention.

Sir, I support the demand. I would request the hon. Minister, through you, to immediately consider favourable the demand of almost all the Members of Parliament from Kerala to start a new train from Delhi to Kerala in addition to the only one daily train we have to Kerala, that is, the Kerala Express. Here, I would like to say that it is not the Rajdhani -type train which we would like to have because for the common man it is urgently needed that there must be more number of seats in the Second-Class. So, I plead with the hon. Minister that the hon. Minister may be pleased, by way of a reply today or by way of an answer to the Starred Question on the same terms which I have put and which has come up for reply tomorrow, to give a favorable answer in this regard.

Sir, there is not much of evidence that I could give with regard to the thrust and the number of persons who want to go to Kerala. This is the train which has to cover and also cater to the needs of eight States. It also caters to the need of specifically Tamil Nadu especially from Madras onwards and up to Coimbatore. All persons who have to go from Madras up to Kerala covering almost the entire breadth of Tamil Nadu would like to use a train which goes from here to Kerala which goes through Jolarpet and then towards Kerala. Now, I plead once again that this train may be started.

With regard to the other points, I do not want to go into the details. I would just like to say that the electrification steps which have been promised with regard to the route from Erode to Ernakulam may be speeded up. It has come in the Budget but no further efforts have been made. So, I would plead with the hon. Minister that the electrification steps be taken up immediately.

I have got one suggestion to make. Now, the hon. Minister has taken up a huge programme and it is being done successfully. It is about the conversion of metre-gauge to broad-gauge. There is a metre-gauge line in Tamil Nadu which comes up to Bodinayakanur. I pray and plead with the hon. Minister that that line which is going to be convert as per the new scheme may be extended up to Cochin with Madurai.. I will be a very important route connecting the two States. I have also got one more suggestion and which is already there in the Railway Status Paper of 1990. It is being suggested again and again and which has been started also by the Kerala Government. It is about Sabarimala. As you know, Sabarimala is a place where lakhs and lakhs of pilgrims are going every year. There is a place called Erumeli where lakhs and lakhs of people come first and then all the Hindu pilgrims go to the Muslim' Mosque. I think that this is a very good example of secularism. Very many number of people are going to worship or to pay homage to the Muslim Saint Vavar in Erumeli Mosque and then from there they go to Sabarimala. I would pray that this route may be considered favorably. I urge upon the hon. Minister to take steps in this regard at the earliest possible time.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO (Dhenkanal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the Supplementary Demand and the Demand for Excess Grants (Railways). Although both of them are bad budgeting yet due to exigencies of situation, they have been brought before this House. *(Interruptions)*

I have to support it. I do not have a choice like you (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri K.P. Singh Deo, please address the Chair. You need not reply to them. Do not interrupt, please.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: I have really one point. Although this is not the occasion yet I would like to take advantage of the discussion. The House Committee of the Orissa Legislative Assembly from Orissa had come led by the hon. Speaker. They have given a memorandum to the Prime Minister and to the Railway Minister regarding the new railway lines and track expansion and new zonal office in Orissa either at Rourkela or in Bhubaneswar and a new Division of Rourkela and a survey of certain new railway lines.

Before Independence, from 1892 to 1947, the Britishers had put in about 1000 kilometres due to imperial needs and mostly to connect the presidency cities. From 1948 to 1992, we have also put in 1002 kilometres. Therefore, the share of Orissa is only 2002 kilometres as against the 62,367 route kilometres of the Indian Railways which comes to only 3.21 per cent. And the Orissa's situation has been stated by most of our collegues. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal have always suffered from backwardness because of lack of infrastructural facilities and specially the railways who have gone mostly on techno-economic consideration rather than social cost benefit. Therefore, even after Seven Plans, we still remain at the lowest rung of the economic ladder. This is a State which is always beset with natural calamities like drought, floods and cyclones. If the imperial Government prior to 1947 could construct railway lines because of these conditions, I think, the popular Government should go one step further and bring these Stages upto all-India average.

I would just run down some of the points which have been given in the memorandum. One is the zonal headquarters at Bhubaneswar with another division at Rourkela. Then about new railway lines, one is the Jakhapura -Banspani 179 kilometres which would open then up the entire tribal areas and mineral area to the port at Paradeep and the hinterland. only 33 kilometres line, that is, between Jakhapura -Banspani has been completed. This Jakhapura-Banspani was approved by the Planning Commission. It was the approved Projects. But it has been abandoned for the last two years.

Second is the survey from Daitari, Sukhanda, Bhuvan, Kamakyanagar, Talchar because with the proposed steel plant at Daitari and Yesterday's paper carried a news item that with Chinese cooperation, there is second steel plant coming up. This takes a more important role because already it is saturated line especially between Kharswar and Barajanda. Therefore, Kharswar Kharagpur line is also over saturated. Then line between Barang-Kapilas Road, Cuttack-Paradeep, Khurda Road-Puri and the single line section Talchar and Gopalpur because 30 million tonnes of thermal coal is expected to be exported through Paradeep and the coal producing areas are going to produce 58,21 million tonnes. Therefore, to get rid of the saturation, this line is also very very important. This will avoid the existing line to Paradeep.

Then the Lanjegarh Road to Janagarh Ambaguda 54 kilometre lines is also an approved project of the Planning Commission. But so far not much progress has been done. Now the Planning Commission has also given a letter of intent to the Ministry of Industry for an aluminia plant at Kalahandi district. This also is very important. Then a line from Bolangir to Khurda Road across Phulbani which is 100

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per cent tribal area, is also important. There is no connection between the Western Orissa and the Eastern Orissa. This will connect tribal areas going through the breadth of Orissa., Then a line connecting Malkangiri to Jeypore, Rayaganda to Gopalpur port and the conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposi and Naupada -Gunupur 90 kilometres from narrow gauge to broad gauge is important.

About the location of Wheel and Axle Plant, the hon. Minister is having one at Yelhanka, we would like one at Rourkela and already the Government has been pressing for it. The Railway Board has also looked into this. And I urge upon the Railway Minister to look at it with sympathy.

Sir, with regard to electrification, 3,500 kilometres are being electrified in the Eighth Plan. But once again Orissa has been left out totally. Only Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Bombay lines have been selected but, the Calcutta- Madras line has not been selected.

With regard to sub-urban traffic rapid transport system rest of the metropolises are getting this advantage. The traffic from Jharsaguda Raurkela-Chakradharpur, from Berhampur-Bhubaneshwar, from Cuttack-Bhubaneswar and from Talcher -Angul - Dhenkanal- Bhubaneswar should also be considered.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Murshidabad): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I shall not make any such demand while speaking on supplementary demand which may create trouble for you because I understand your condition. I present some such demands which do not involve much expenditure.

In West Bengal there are 35000 railway hawkers. on I had made their reference earlier also. A large number of the refugees had come from Pakistan after the partition. Most of them are railway hawkers. Today you have adopted a policy of modernisation. A large number of sick mills are closing down and the workers are being retrenchment. A large number of them are becoming railway hawkers. The Railway Police Force takes undue benefit of them. I appeal you to give them licence. If they get the licence to hawk in local trains, their difficulties will end and those who take undue advantage of them shall not be able to do so. By this, your department will also earn some revenue.

My constituency is Murshidabad. At one time it was the capital of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. There is a very big museum here but there is no I.T.D.C. hotel here. Every year, 14-15 lakh tourists visit this place. I demand that you should provide a retiring room for them. You give this on lease to the congress candidate who lost election to me. I will not have any objection.

Does our minister have the experience of sleeping on the back of a camel? Sleeping in the first class compartment of the train that runs on Lalgola section is comparable to sleeping on the back of a camel. This coach belongs to the time of the East India company. You should try to replace it.

The fare of the chaircar of Rajdhani express from Delhi to Howrah is almost 600 rupees but the journey lasts 18 hour. You should talk to the technicians and get it converted into three tires. It will not cause any loss and work will be done very easily. You will start earn extra revenue. The passengers will get some confort for 18 hours.

You should consider our demand of making the Howrah -Delhi express a seven day service. There has, been discussion time and again in this house, about the retrenched workers in the railways. You had also given us an assurance that this demand of ours will be met. You should consider it and fulfill it.

We had even earlier made a demand for the recognition of the R.P.F. union. The recommendations of the Committee on subordinate Legislation have also been received. There is no hurdle of any kind, but even then you are not paying any attention to it. This is not correct. You should fulfill it.

Whatever suggestions I have made will not involve any expenditure. Yes 14-15 lakh rupees may be spent on the retiring room. If you grant licenses to railway howkers, you will get money from them. You should certainly ponder over all these issues. The public will be benefited by this. I wanted to say only this much.

SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI (Shimla): Hon'ble Chairman Sir, I would only like to say that in Himachal Pradesh, not even an inch of railway line has been laid beyond Shimla after independence. The present railway line was laid during British time.

Work to construct A railway line between Nangal and Jalwara via Una was started, but that too is lying incomplete. That work has also not been completed till now. I will raise this issue at the time of budget. My only appeal to the hon'ble Minister is that in Himachal Pradesh, we have good production of apples, potatoes and other crops but there is no adequate arrangements for their booking. Some facility should also be provided to our people for the transportation of large quantity of vegetables. Earlier there was a train between Kalka and Amritsar, which has now been withdrawn. People used to go to Amritsar by this train and they were benefited by it as it is a centre of pilgrimage. Therefore, that train should be restored.

Although the railway department is working very smoothly but no measures have been taken to check the people who have enriched upon Railway land. A dam is being constructed in Kangra, in which a large area of railway land does not come under use then it would be better if that land is allotted to the people of that place. If that land is allotted to poor people, they will be benefited by it. At present this is neither benefiting railways nor the people nor has been brought under any plantation. That is why the railway department should take all these things into consideration.

So far as industries are concerned industries have been set up in Ponta Sahib, Parbanu, Kala Aam and Indore, Mahadpur and in the entire lower belt. Industrialists always want that their goods should be transported by railways but till now, they do not have this facility. In the old surveys conducted at the time of Shri Kamalapati Tripathi it was assured at the time of budget that this railway line will be constructed. Other ministries had also given such assurances. The surveys have been conducted but it has not yet been constructed. I would like to say that when you intend to develop the lower plains and remote areas and also the big cities, you should also pay attention to hill areas and it should be ensured that the land of those people should not be acquired. The Government of India should give compensation to them in case their land is acquired for laying rail lines . Those who have set up industries there, are facing a lot of problems regarding transportation of their goods. Trucks for carrying the goods to the market are not available and even the facility of railway line is not available. In such a situation, our common people have to bear the burnt of rise in prices. The only way to stop this is that the maximum possible facilitias should be given. A number of Surveys have been conducted to lay the lines between Kalka and Parvanu, Nalagarh and Ropar, Jagadhari and Paonta Sahib, but the facility is not yet available. I want that attention should be paid to them. The Konkan line is mentioned here time and again. I went to Bombay recently, and I realised that this line is most essential. This line will go from Goa to Kerala. Even the people of Orissa have made many demands which seem to be justified.

I would also like to say that the hon'ble minister should fulfill the promises made by him at the time of the rail budget, so that the people may be benefited. With this, I conclude my speech.

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla); Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to make two or three points. I would like to draw the attention

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of the hon. Minister of Railways to the inactiveness on the part the Ministry of Railways. The Ministry of Railways has been suffering loss continuously. By increasing rail fare and imposing new taxes common people, are made to suffer. The train service is deteriorating day by day. Trains are running late and no attention is paid to the passengers amenities either it is a New Delhi Station or small station in a village. You will find the people are not getting even essential facilities there. It has been found that the entire platform is without any shed, and people get wet in the Rainy Season. There is no arrangement for sitting on small stations. The condition of the waiting rooms is such that people do not have even sitting facility in them. If there is at all any facility to sit on, it is occupied and spoiled by animals makes the passengers difficult to sit on. Such is the plight of the Railways, yet it always demands some money and it is allocated from the Budget. In spite of all this the people are not getting any benefit.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you I want to give one or two suggestions. If they are implemented, the people may probably be benefited by them. Long distance trains between madras and Delhi and Calcutta and Delhi or Bombay and Delhi run without taking any rest or break. By there are certain trains which need rest for 14 hours. A train starts from Lucknow for Delhi at 7 in the morning. The very train starts at 9.30 p.m. the following day. Thus this train is stationed in the yard but the Government says that there is no such facility there. The train should be started after 7 a. m. and in the evening it should be started at 6 or 7 0' clock from the opposite side. The Government will not have to spend more money on it. In this way, it will increase the income of the Government and will also be more convenient to the people. Otherwise, what happens today is that people are compelled to sit on the roof of the train and there is a huge rush. If this facility is provided, the people will get relief. I request the Government to implement this suggestion even on experimental basis. (*Interruptions*)

I am concluding within two minutes. Bareilly is a very important station. But there is no goods train for Delhi from there. Recently, Shri Khurana went there from Delhi. The train stopped there at 2.30 p.m. and he was able to get a train at 2.00 a.m. only. There is no train which may start from there around 10 a.m. and arrive at Delhi at 6 a.m.

We the Members of Parliament often go there and we have to waste two nights in journey. Earlier, there was a very good train between Bareilly and Delhi, but it is not known why that train has been cancelled. I request to introduce an express train which should start at 10 p.m. and reach here around 5 or 6 a.m. Similarly, it should start from Delhi around 10 p.m. and arrive Bareilly, around 6 or 5.30 a.m. Bareilly is an important place.

I would conclude after making one more point. Previously coaches were attached from Bareilly to the trains bound for Bombay but now this facility has been withdrawn. I request the Government to introduce a direct rain from Bareilly to Bombay via Aligarh. It is a broad gauge line this should be got repaired , and its survey has already been conducted and goods trains with heavy loads run on that line with high speed. A train from Bareilly to Agra runs on that line. The train runs at a very slow speed and it is worse than even passenger train. It has been named Express Train but it takes 14 hours to reach Agra. I request the Government to provide facilities to the people. I have been given the opportunity to speak at the fag end of the day. The hon. Chairman, is ringing the bell repeatedly. Therefore, I request the Government to pay attention to these facilities. It is sure that it will not have to import railway engines from foreign countries to provide these facilities. The Government need not make a mess of this case. There is no need to purchase new railway engines as old ones will serve the purpose. If the new railway engines are really essential to purchase, they should be purchased from Chitaranjan, BHEL but there is *** but the engines being purchased from foreign countries.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It has become *sub judice*. It is pending in the Court. It will not form part of the record.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: With these words, I would request you to consider it and pay attention to it. Special attention should be given to meter-gauge lines. There are a number of trains for meter-gauge lines, therefore, maintain these lines properly. The effort of conversion of meter gauge into broad gauge will not succeed because the Government does not have so much money and it has been ignoring it. this too should be kept in view. With these words, I conclude.

[*English*]

SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK (Bolangir): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to support the Supplementary Demands. Railway is the symbol of our national unity and playing an effective link for backward regions of the country. Being one of the largest network of railways in the world, the general superintendence is a must. Despite a good performance during 1991-92, the action programme proposed by Railways during the current year and Eighth Five Year Plan, the pace of resources mobilisation is slow. For the purpose of track modernisation, electrification of routes, operational efficiency and upgradation in standardisation of Railway system and services, additional funds are required. However, there are areas Government has to examine the issues for a long term perceptive. One is structural changes in railway system to meet the changes in needs of time. Second is privatisation if uneconomical routes. Third is utilisation of surplus land available with Railways for commercial purpose and fourthly, eviction of illeagal encroachment from railway lands. These will contribute to additional resources.

Coming to railway problems of Orissa, I congratulate the Railway Minister for introducing a superfast train from Orissa to Delhi but the progress of Sambalpur-Talcher rail line is very slow due to paucity of funds. This project should be expedited. The Bolangir -Khurda railway project is a long time demand of the people of West Orissa. Surveys have been conducted more than once. The last was a survey for a line for Khurda to Bolangir via Phulbani.. Government should include this project in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

According to data available and projection justified at that time, it was found that the return on capital would be one per cent. Therefore, it was decided that the project was not good for the Railways. But some railway projects will less return have been taken up for construction to fulfill the objective of development like Kattami - Singrauli which was opened on April, 1976 with Rs. 26.10 lakhs but expected return on this investment was 0.15 per cent.

There is lack of infrastructural facilities such as cleaning, battery charging, upgrading of platforms etc. which are essential for running a train from Titilagarh of Bolangir district. Government should make provision for the same during 1992-93. There should be speedier implementation of renovation work of Bolangir railway platform and retiring rooms should be constructed at Titilagarh, Bolangir and Kantabanji railway stations. Government should include Rourkela Titilagarh route for electrification during 1992-93 .

Sir, the House Committee of Orissa had been to Delhi to meet hon. Prime Minster and hon. Railway Minister and before the MOs of Orissa gave a memorandum on the demands of Orissa. I request our hon. Railway Minister to fulfill the demands of Orissa by considering them immediately. I have a request to make to the people of Orissa. The State Government of Orissa is not sending all its proposals to the Central Government. They are doing so just to divert the minds of the people and to make them feel that the Central Government is doing nothing for Orissa. I request that the

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Central Government should consider all the proposals sent to them.

Lastly, I request the hon. Minister that the super fast train which was introduced on the first of July is running from Delhi to Sambalpur should be extended to Raigarh or Titilagarh and MPs of Orissa had given a memorandum demanding this. I request the hon. Minister to consider this demand. With these words, I conclude.

DR. ASIM BALA (Nabadwip): Sir, railway fare is increasing day by day and facilities and other things are reducing day by day. I know that the daily passengers surrounding Calcutta are suffering very much. Lakhs and lakhs of people are coming to Calcutta by trains. The train compartments have no facilities , and they are small in number and inadequate because both in the morning and evening, trains are packed with people and they look as though they are packed in a basket.

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Though the number of daily passengers is very large, the frequency of trains is very poor. It is very essential to introduce new trains and improve the rail facility for Calcutta passengers.

While participating in the discussions on the Supplementary Demands for Grants of Railways, I raise the point regarding electrification. Electrification is absolutely essential and I raised this aspect many times through letters to the Railway Ministry and also through under 377 on the floor off the Parliament. Passengers are suffering a lot on Ranaghat-Gede/line. It is a very old line. In the days of the British, there was regular train service between Ranaghat and Dhaka. But nowdays, it is almost an abandoned track and people in this area are suffering a lot. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister to take upto this line for electrification. This may be implemented as early as possible. I would also like to suggest that the Bankura -Damodar line also should be electrified. Bankura Damodar River Railway may please be nationalised and the line may be converted into broadguage. Till it is converted into broadguage, diesel engines may please be provided in place of steam engines.

I have also mentioned about Ranaghat -Bongaon project earlier. I do not know why the railway authorities have abandoned that project. Another project on which a survey is going on is the Shantipur -Nabadwip line. Nabadwip, as you know, is an internationally famous place. It is the birthplace of Gorango Mahaprabhu and thousands and thousands of pilgrims visit Nabadwip. But there are only two trains operating in a day. More trains and more railway facilities should be provided on this line. I request the hon. Minister to look into the matter and after completion of the survey, the narrow guage line may be converted into broadguage line.

One more point which I would like to suggest is that the Rajadhani Express should run on all the seven days in a week. This point was emphasised by my previous speaker also. In this connection, I also request the Railway Minister to introduce a Rajdhani Express from Howrah to Bombay. At present, people who have to go to Bombay are suffering a lot due to the non-availability of a superfast from Howrah to Bombay. Introduction of a new superfast train on this line, will solve the problem to some extent.

I also request that a double line may please be constructed from Ranaghat to Lalgola.

I would like to mention just two more points. As you know, Darjeeling is a hill station and many tourists from foreign countries also visit Darjeeling. But the condition of train service is very very poor. If you introduce a rail-car on this line, it will have encouraging results and the hill people will be very happy to have this facility.

Sir, it is very sad to learn that you are going to privatise the Chittranjan Locomotives. I request the hon. Railway Minister to kindly reconsider this issue.

[*Translation*]

SHRI PIUS TIRKEY (Alipurduars): Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all I would like to thank Shri Jaffer on behalf of North Frontier Railways for introducing a new train. I got the opportunity to flag it off from Alipurduars. The people of the area are grateful to the Ministery and Shri Jaffer for taking care of this backward area. It has also benefited the passengers of Sealdah. Along with this, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the fact that the North Eastern Frontier Railway Zone which was established after the partition of the country is of strategic importance and significant from point of view of security also. The areas through the trains passes are border areas. It is the only link through which the movement of Defence forces is undertaken in this area. Dalgaon and Hasimara contonement areas are very important from the security point of view of the country. The railway line between Siliguri and Alipurduars should be converted into broad gauge line. The proposal for converting it in to broad gauge line is under consideration of the Railway Ministry and I think that it is very important from the point of view of security because the area covers border areas and in case there is danger from Bangladesh side, and this link which is only three kilometre broad is snapped, the entire Assam and eastern States would be cut off from the rest of the country. Therefore there is urgent need of the conversion of this line into broad and Railway Ministry would have to pay special attention towards this line.

Mr. Minister, you must be aware that some parts of every zone have been electrified, but in our zone people do not know as to what electrification is and how the electric train run and Railway Ministry has never paid any attention towards the electrification of this zone. The Steam located at Alipurduars junction is in a very deplorable condition. It is in a state of disrepair. It has no ceiling. The rain-water directly enters the shed. It is open from all sides and the condition is so bad that it seems as if it would be swept away by gusty winds any time. My suggestion is this that it should be developed into a diesel locoshed as soon as possible so that the employees do not suffer. Alipurduars is an important junction and it is the main junction of all the trains running to Assam and Eastern States. It is a station on the border. On the one hand there is Bhutan and on the other side Bangladesh is located and the areas in between which spreads from eight to ten kilometres is very sensitive.

My submission is that the inter-city Express train running between Siliguri to New Jalpaiguri should be extended to Alipurduars junction, keeping in view the demands of the people. Then a single train would run between Hansimara and Vinoguri. You are aware that it would also benefit the tea growers because our country is earning a large foreign exchange from export of tea and with the increased export the income would also increase. Therefore, I urge you to issue orders in one or two days or immediately to this effect that the Inter-city Express running from Siliguri should be extended to Alipurduars and if possible extend it to Cooch-Behar, we would have no objection to it.

Thirdly, there is a proposal of converting the line from Siliguri to Alipurduars into broad guage. Alipurduars is a very old junction. It has a capacity of stationing to ten trains, but even then this junction has been kept isolated by the Railway department. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister to link it to Alipurduars by broad gauge. The most important thing is this that North Eastern Frontier zone is that most neglected zone among the nine railway zones and so Government should pay extra attention towards it. Just as parents always take greater care of the child who is week amongst the rest of children, similarly this zone needs greater attention. With these words, I thank you for giving me opportunity to speak on the Demands for Grants of the Railway Ministry.

[*English*]

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAIK (Phulbani): Sir, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak.

Sir, I rise to support the Supplementary Demand for grants for the Ministry of Railways. I would be very brief. It is a fact that when the hon. Minister for Railways Shri Jaffer Sharief was administered the Oath of office, I was among those people who was very very cheerful and also optimistic. My district is a very backward district. We have no industry. We have no infrastructure or anything of that sort. I thought during 1980-84, he was the Minister of State for Railways and now that he has been promoted to the rank of a Cabinet Minister, the railway link between Khurda-Bolangir will be definitely taken up. I thought that he has also got his promotion, now, he will also promote or give priority to backward districts.

During late Shrimati Gandhi's time, it was the policy of the Government to give priority to the backward districts. so, I urge upon the hon. Minister to give priority to this Phlubani-Khurda-Bolangir railway link. Just as seven wonders of the world , the railway facility has become the wonder for my district. I hope, he will consider this. He had given commitment and assurance in a public meeting when he was the Minister of State for Railways.

There is no provision for adequate funds in the Eighth Five Year Plan for taking up new projects. I would request the hon. Railway Minister a he should not hesitate to get the World Bank assistance for giving priority to the backward districts to do the needful in the matter.

There was meeting of the House Committee Members of Orissa. I would like to mention that when our former Speaker was mentioning about my district, I felt very sorry. I am very sorry to say that the Orissa Government has deliberately and mischievously ignored the demand for including Phulbani -Khurda-Bolangir rail link. It had been excluded from the recommendation of the State Government.

Sir, in addition to this, I would request the hon. Railway Minister that he should consider providing new routes and also encourage foreign participation for taking up those routes for running new trains and so on. This I welcome.

I would like to congratulate the hon. Minister for introducing the new Mahanadi Train but I would like to mention here that it has not First Class or Pantry Car. I hope that while extending the train from Sambalpur to Raigarh, you should also provide a station at Deogarh which falls in my constituency.

Sir, Gunupur to Naupada metregauge line should be converted into a broadgauge line.

I am very thankful to you having taken care of my feeling ultimately and calling me to speak. I would like to say one sentence for the purpose of record and then I will conclude. If I am not able to see in this birth, then how many births I have to take seeing that my district viz. Phulbani, which is my constituency, is linked up with railway facilities and so on.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA (Jadavpur): Thank you for the indulgence. I will speak only for two or three minutes and I shall make three very brief points.

The first point is regarding the Metro Rail Project in Calctutta. No one is in two minds that the first phase of that project has to be completed as early as possible. In this respect, I hope that the difficulty that a rose out of the procrastination of the contractors will be removed with the intervention of our hon. Railway Minister. But I am on a different point and I am glad that Shrimati Sheila Kaul is here. I am sure, on the point, if she were not in the Ministry, she would support me.

The point is that these days whenever we write about the metro Railway Project, the hon,. Railway Minister refers us to the Urban Development Ministry, saying that the metro Railway Project has been shifted to the Urban Development Ministry. We want to know, how and when this shift was made. We know that some recommendations were there but how and when this shift was made, we want to know. If this shift has already been made then how is it that in the last Budget Speech the hon. Railway Minister still referred to the Metro Railway in his speech.

I would also, like to point out that neither the urban Development Ministry, nor the State Government has the resources top start on the second phase of the Metro Railway Project for instance the Tolleygunj Garia stretch.

The Metro Railway is properly the child of the Railway Ministry, how is tit that before this child acquired self-sufficiency, the parents are shifting the child on foster-parents, who do not have the wherewithal to help it to flourish. some, I think that by shifting it to the Urban Development Ministry, the Railway Ministry is just shirking its responsibility and this should not happen.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): The baby generally is looked after by the mother.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Yes, but the mother has to be given sufficient economic support. I hope, you will do that.

Secondly, the completion of the Circular Railway in Calcutta in Majherhat-Princep Ghat Stretch, I know that, is not being done because some of the land belongs to the Calcutta Port Trust. Whenever, we write to the surface Transport Minister about it, there is an ominus silence and whenever we write to the Railway Minister, he referes us to the Surface Transport Ministry. So I urge upon the hon. Minister that this delay should not be made any further because this is something which is needed very much for casing the traffic flow in Calcutta. I hope that the completion of this stretch will be achieved in collaboration with the Surface Transport Ministry.

The third point is about the sub-urban railways. Already, our collegue Shri Asim Bala has made some points on it. I just want to say that in the Sealdah Section in particular, for some timke now, in certain surreptitious way, some of the trains have been withdrawn, like Sunday trains. Some of the trains have been withdrawn, like Sunday trains. Some of the Sunday trains have been withdrawn. There has been a long standing demand in Barrackpore Section for an additional train in rush hours, which was promised that it would start from January 1992. It has not started. The situation is very bad in the Sealdah South, the Diamond Harbour Section as well. I myself travel on that line quite frequently and I know that very often there are accidents, people fall down from the train. In Barrackpore Section, there have been 15 accidential deaths in the last year.

In this respect, I would urge upon the Ministry, not to withdraw trains in the sub-urban sections. Try to make them more viable by more efficient checking in that section and to increase trains during rush hours why they have been promised. Than you.

SHRI HARCHAND SINGH (Ropar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will conclude within two minutes. A bridge was to be constructed in Patiyala. The local people daily have to cross Railway line at this place in large number. There is a big Gurdwara near this crossing. They suffer a lot of incovencience in reaching at this holy 'Dukh Nivaran Gurdwara'. That proposed bridge should be constructed at the earliest.

At present there are 15 districts in Punjab. These districts are not directly connected by rail route with Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab. People have to break the journey. A railway line should be constructed from Ludhiyana to Chandigarh and from Rajpura to Chandigarh. Forty five years have passed since our country got Independence. Railway Department has not invested even a single penny in Punjab. You please fulfill my these two demands i.e. the 15 districts of Punjab should be connected with chandigarh by rail

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route and an overbridge should be constructed at Gurudwara 'Dukh Nivaran Sahab' railway crossing. I conclude with these words.

SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI (Sabrarkantha): Mr. Chairman, Sir, many thanks for providing me an opportunity to speak. All Members have said something, but nothing has been about Gujarat. Today, the Minister is in a good mood. So I like to place some demands before him. In Gujarat the work on Nadiyad, Kaparganj and Modasa Projects is going on in a very slow pace. It has not completed, though 9 year have passed. There is no budgetary provision for Kaparganj and Modasa. I request the hon. Minister to personally look into it so that this work may be completed soon

Seven years ago 55 up and 56 down were cancelled due to the shortage of diesel. Other train has been started in its place. It covers 140 km. in 6 hours. At present it runs on the same speed which it had 30 years earlier. There is no other train in India which runs at this speed. This train is for the benefit of about 30 lakh people but they do not get full benefit from it. You are requested to introduce a new train and increase its speed. It will facilitate us to reach Ahmedabad early and with case.

In Bombay there are foot over bridge and platforms on railway lines. People live, and cook their food on the platform. The Government has done nothing for them so far. It causes inconvenience to the public. I have appraised the Railway Minister about this problem earlier also, but nothing has been done.

Rajdhani Express which departs from Bombay at 5 a.m. and reaches here at 10 a.m. It should depart from Bombay one hour earlier and should reach here at 8.30 a.m. Rajdhani Express should also run from Bombay as it runs from Delhi. Two bogies of second class A.C. sleeper should be added in the air-conditioned express which runs on this route, I hope that hon. Minister will accept these demands as he is pleasant mood today. With this hope I resume my seat.

SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK (Kalahandi): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I welcome this discussion on supplementary demands and Demand for Excess Grant of Railway Ministry.

I also welcome hon. Railway Minister Shri C.K. Jaffer Sharief who is present here. He knows that I hail from Kalahandi. It is a very backward district. He started a train from Sambhalpur to Nizamuddin. But only one bogie has been specially added Sambhalpur to Titalagarh. People of Kalahandi, Fulvani and Koraput district have to face great inconvenience. So, I urge the Minister to extend that train from Titalagarh to Raigarh. Waltair and Raipur railway line has become very old. A new double railway line should be laid and its electrification should be done immediately. Sufficient police security should be provided for the safety of the passengers.

Kesinga is the gate Kalahandi. I have written to the Chief Minister of Orissa and to Shri Jaffer Sharief for the construction of an overbridge on Narla road. I think it will facilitate the local people. You should provide facility of purchasing railway ticket in Bhavani Patna. Facilities of waiting halls at Kesinga, Roorpra Road, Langigarh Road, Kadel road and Narala Road should be improved, and a V.I.P. waiting hall should be immediately sanctioned at Kesinga Railway Station.

A new train from Puri to Dwarika should be introduced on the as Tirupati-Puri train. Rajdhani Express runs from Delhi to the capital of each States barring Orissa. So I request a Rajdhani Express should be introduced from new Delhi to Bhubaneswar. The train from Puri to Tirupati has been cancelled. It should be reintroduced and Yatri Niwas (waiting room) should be constructed in Puri.

I am talking about Andhra Pradesh. In Andhra Pradesh Navapara -Gunupur metre gauge line is very old one. It was constructed in 1913 at the time Maharaj Paralakhemari Shri Krishna Chand Gajapatidev. A new railway line should be constructed replacing this line so that the local people may be benefited. Some people from Orissa legislature called on the Prime Minister and you also some days before. They submitted a memorandum also. I read it.

[*English*]

"The Planning Commissions has approved this project up to Junagarh subject to issue of Letter of Intent for the Alumina Plant by the Ministry of Industry, Government of India. Board of Approval has cleared the letter of Intent for a million ton Alumina Plant in Kalahandi district. As per the servey conducted by the South Eastern Railways, the estimated cost of this projects at present is Rs. 80.28 crores and the return of capital is estimated to be 15.45 per cent up to Janagarh. The stretch between Jahagarh and Ambaguda is under survey."

"In view of the overriding justification for exploiting mineral wealth particularly bauxite lime stone, mica etc. in Malkangiri, Koraput and Kalahandi region, it is necessary that this project is to be considered since Koraput -Rayagada ongoing railway link is likely to be completed in 1992-93".

"This line will connect nascent Gopalpur Port for exporting alumina and aluminium products and open this hinterland., Three aluminium plants are being stretched in Koraput-Kalahandi area. The expansion of NALCO has to be kept in view. The line will serve as an alternative route to handle the export traffic and will be A feeder to Gopalpur Port."

These are all my points and I request you to consider them. I thank you personally for giving me an opportunity to tell something regarding Railways.

[*Translation*]

SHRI KEWAL SINGH (Bhatinda): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I hail from Bhatinda, Punjab. All of you know that Bhatinda is the biggest railway station of Asia. Due to this reason there is network of railway lines in the city. It was causing a great inconvenience to people of the city. Keeping in view the problems of city dwellers the Government had started the construction of an over - bridge on the railway line which connects the whole city from all sides. The construction of the bridge has not been completed. It should be completed. The expenditure to be incurred on the construction of the bridge was to be shared by the State Government as well as the Ministry of Railways. Since the Railway Ministry did not give its share of expenditure, the bridge has not been completed. Due to non-completion of the bridge people of Bhatinda are experiencing hardship. I would like that the hon. Minster should get the construction of this bridge completed at the earliest.

Sir, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

SHRI MANJAY LAL: (Samastipur): Mr. Chairman. Sir, I oppose the Supplementary Demands and Demands for Excess Grants in respect of the Ministry of Railways. Railway is the cheapest means of transportation and Bihar is the most backward State economically. Bihar has been ignored in this year's Budget. There is a Railway locomotive factory in my constituency Samastipur in Bihar. I had appraised the hon. Minister of the condition of the said factory. This locomotive factory needs to be developed but the Government wants to close it. 50 diesel engines were sanctioned to Samastipur factory in the budgets of 1990-91. A considerable amount was also allocated during the year, but this year there is no special provision for that. I request the hon. Minister to pay attention to this.

16.32 hrs.

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There is a longstanding demand for the construction of a Bridge on Bagaha Chhatauni line. It was anctioned in 1990-91. The said bridge is also important from strategic point of view. Therefore, I would like to reqest the hon. Minister of Railway to get this bridge constructed at the earliest by giving financial help. There is also a longstanding demand for the construction of a bridge on river Ganga in Patna. This scheme has since been sanctioned but the Railway Ministry has not allocated funds for this. Steps should be taken to sanction funds to link North and South Bihar by constructing this bridge. Rajdhani Express has been introduced to link State capitals with Delhi. I submit to the hon. Minister that Rajdhani Express which runs between Delhi and Calcutta should at least pass though Patna three days in a week. This facility should also be provided to the people from Hazipur to Vaishali. Vashali is a place of historical importance. The Government of Japan has also provided aid for this. I submit to the hon. Minister that a railway line should be constructed between Hazipur and Vaishali and transportation facility should be provided to the public by linking Motihari line to this line. That is a historical place and keeping in view the importance of the place a railway line should be laid there. Ten percent of the Budget allocated for passengers amenities but there is percent no such facility is available to the passengers in north Bihar. Even sheds are not provided in small stations. There are no overbridges to cross railway lines. I want that sheds should be provided in small stations and an over should also be constructed.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to say about corruption in the Railway Department. When Shri George Fernandes was the Minister of Railway, a conference of railway employees had been convened to root out corruption. The conference was to be inaugurated by Shri Bommai. When de did not come, Shri George Fernandes as the Chief guest of the conference got a chance to inaugurate it. In the conference I said that corruption in the railway starts right from the stage of recruitment. People get appointment in railways by paying bribe of Rs. 25000, 50000 to 80000. When appointments will be made in this manner then what will the employees do if they do not indulge in corruption.

Therefore, attention should be paid to recruitment in railways. Alongwith this, attention should also be paid to incident of thefts committed in trains. Earlier conversion of metre guage into broad gauge between Barauni and Sonepur was sanctioned. I would like that this metre gauge line should be converted into broad guage line. Earlier there was a stop at Harpur-Bochahan station on Barauni-Sonepur line but now the stop has been cancelled at that station. I would like that the train should be provided a stoppage there so that discontent spreading among the people could be removed.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would also like to state that the double broad guage line between Muzaffarpur and Barauni has not been completed between Siho and Samastipur. Some work remains incomplete. That should also be completed immediately. With these words I conclude.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: A great many names have come at the last hour. So, I would try to accommodate as many as possible. But please ensure that you just give the points or ask questions.

DR. JAYANTA RONGPI (Autonomous district): While taking part in the debate, I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister a few of the points or rather, problems, faced by the North Eastern people so far as railway is concerned.

Unfortunately, many of the assurances given by the hon. Minister during his Budget speech had to be fulfilled.

I am happy that the long -standing demand of converting broad gauge line from Guwahati onwards has been now conceded and the work is going on. While I am happy over this, at the same time, I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister that now the broad guage will be extended or completed up to Lamding and phase -wise Dibrugarh. I would request the hon. Minister to complete the first phase i.e. expansion up to Dimapur because this is a very important station. Dimapur is the gateway to Nagaland and to Manipur. The people of this State would have been given the benefit, had the expansion been completed up to Dimapur and along with that, the hill district of Assam namely, Karbi along and North Cochar hills will also benefit if it is converted up to Dimapur.

Secondly, the railway line was constructed by the Britishers with the sole intention to take out tea and some other minerals from Assam. That is why, the existing railway line in Assam hardly goes through the most populous area. The British had their colonial approach just to extract coal and tea leaves from the tea gardens of Assam. That is why, most of district headquarters and Guwahati are not cvonverted by the main railway line. It is very unfortunate that our Independent country, our Independent Government has not changed its colonial approach, I know there is limitation of funds. But the very approach of the Railways to the North -East shold be changed from a colonial one to a really independent country. Converting the existing line is all right. But then the major areas of Assam Valley, major districts like Nowgong, Sibsagar, Darang, Sonitpur are not touched by the railway-line at all. The existing line is based on the colonial line of thinking. ...(*Interruptions*) I have got one point to make. The most important thing is that the very attitude of the Railway Ministry to the North-East should be changed. I would like to cite one example only. I will conclude my speech after that. I want to tell you how the North-East people see the Railways. I am very much surprised when I heard people demanding new railwaylines, new trains, this and that. Because of the malfunctioning of the Railway, because of the corruption of the Railway, probably many Members would know that in the case of Meghalaya State when there was a Government proposal to extend the railway -line to Meghalaya, the people of Meghalaya objected to it. They said: " We do not want the railwayline." I think it is the only instance in the country where people objected to have a railwayline because the people of North-East know when there is a railwayline, local people will not get employment and only the people from outside will get into area and the demograhic pattern will be changed.

Lastly, I would request the. Railway Minister that so far as Railway employment is concerned, the present attitude should be totally changed and the local people should be given employment. Otherwise, it is not the case of only Meghalaya alone but the entire people of North-East will object to any railway expansion because they are taking it as an expansionist attitude of the people of the mainland.

With these words, I conclude my speech. I hope Government will take note of my feelings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, statement by Minister. Shri Rajesh Pilot to make a statement regarding special facilities to freedom fighters in the matter of provision of telephone connections.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Special Facilities to Freedom Fighters

16.44 hrs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Hon'ble Members are aware that the Department of Telecommunications has so far extended the facility to the freedom fighters to the extent that they are eligible to register themselves for one telephone connection under Non- OYT Special Category. There are other categories of people and institutions also who get this privilege.

On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Quit India Movement the entire Nation is paying homage to these gallant people. The Prime Minister has already announced on 8th August, 1992 that the Government would continue the process of honouring them and indeed improve it to the best of our ability. The Department of Telecommunications would like to honour them in our humble way.

In this context the Department of Telecommunications has decided to grant with effect from 15th August, 1992 some more facilties to the duly recognised freedom fighters as our homage to these gallant people. Subject to technical feasibility, the freedom fighters will get one telephone connection each on top priority; they will not have to pay any installation fees and they will be levied only half the normal rental charges.

Madam, there were some objections in the Rajya Sabha regarding the technical feasibility saying that the freedom fighters will be harassed; there is no line available now. I would like to assure the House that I am just keeping it as a safety net that if any hon. Minister is straying 40 miles or 60 miles away from the exchange, it will not be possible for us to give phone immediately. That is the spirit behind it. I will make sure in my instruction that the freedom fighters do get the topmost priority in the matter of connections. This is only a safety method as far as the technical part of it is concerned. Please do not take it in any other sense. *(Interruptions)*

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR GRANT (RAILWAYS), 1992-93 *CONTD.*

DEMAND FOR EXCESS GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1988-89 *CONTD.*

[*Translation*]

SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA (Koral): Madam Chairman, Indian Railways has entered into a new era and I congratulate the Hon'ble Minister for Railways Shri Jaffer Sharief for the same.

There were five Railway Ministers from Karnataka. Shri H. C. Dasappa. Shri K. Hanumantaiah, Shri T. A. Pai, Shri George Fernandes and Shri C. K. Jaffer Sharief were the previous Railway Ministers. Even then it difficult to find the name of Karnataka in the map of Indian Railways. Now, the present Railway Minister Shri Jaffer Sharief has taken several innovative and progressive steps for the development of Indian railways.

Several new training have been introduced during the current year. A new train has been introduced between Tirupati and Bangalore. Rajdhani Express is being introduced between Bangalore and New Delhi via secunderabad. this Rajdhani Express will run only once a week. I request the Hon'ble Minister to make this Rajdhani Express to run atleast to run atleast four days a week as the is great demand from the people Karnataka.

Karnataka Express which runs between Bangalore and New Delhi has no stop at Gouribidanur. The people of this area are demanding a stop her for a very long time. |In fact, I have requested the Hon'ble Minister to see that Karnataka Express stops here. But so far no action has been taken in this direction. I reiterate my request and I hoe that a stop would be provided at the earliest.

There is a very old narrow gauge line between Bangarpet and Yelahanka. We have sent several mamoranda. to the Government of India for converting this line into a broad gauge line. Several thousands of farmers, merchants and Government employees depend upon this train. The farmers have to spend a lot for transporting agricultural produce. Potato is grown abunduntly in Kolar district. Sericulture is developing very fast in Chikhballapura and its adjacent area. Tomato, vegetables are also grown in large quantity in these areas. Transportation of these agricultural produce is a major problem of farmers in Kolar district. Hence once again I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to make sufficient allocation for the conversion of this railway line between Bangarpet and Yelahanka.

There is some improvement in the catering services in trains. I request the Hon'ble Minister to improve the quality of food and to provide best catering service.

There is no direct broad gauge line between Bangalore and Secunderabad. A large section of the people in these two cities mainly depend upon road transporation. Hence it is very essential to construct direct broad gauge line between these two fast developing cities of India. This would also unable Rajdhani Express to reduce its duration by atleast three hours.

I support the supplementary demand and thank the Hon'ble Minister for his best efforts to improve the Indian railways.

Madam Chairman, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak and with these words I conclude my speech.

[*English*]

SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY (Jagatsinghpur): Madam Chairperson, I have nothing to say much. Our friends from Orissa have already expressed the severe discontent that is persistent in Orissa due to persistent negligence. And also, there is a feeling in Orissa that Orissa's backwardness and its per capita income will remain at low level unless all the resources of Orissa are opened for utilisation and the Railways play a big role. So, while agreeing with all the demands that were put forth by the House Committee of Orissa, I will emphasise and I will also request the Minister to give his reactions to the memorandum submitted by the House Committee of Orissa to the Prime Minister and to the Railway Minister.

Along with this, I want to emphasise abut the construction of a railway line between Gopalpur and Talcher which is of national importance; national importance in the sense that unless the coal goes to South India, the Thermal Power Stations there will not work and the power problems of South India will be more acute. So, from the national point of view, this railway line should get priority.

My second point is that Orissa's interaction with the Western Orissa, due to historical reasons, is not possible because the Sambalpur-Talcher railway line is not completed, though there was sufficient allotment of money. I will draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that money, due to so many mechanisations, had not been spent and also due to giving contracts etc. So the Railway Minister must go into it. And apart from this, I will demand that a direct railway train from Puri to Amritsar should be introduced linking up the two temple cities. It has a historical necessity, in the sense that Guru Nanak stayed in Puri and for national integration, such a train should be introduced. If possible, efforts may be made to extend Neelanchal Express up to Amritsar.

Another point is that there is no railway line in Gangtok (Sikkim). That State is out of the purview and the metre gauge railway line that was there, due to landslides, has been abandened since 50 years. A survey should be made to have a link with Gangtok from Silchar. It should be a broad gauge line.

With these words I conclude my speech and I thank you and also I wish that the hon. Minister will definitely give his reactions to the discontent of Orissa people in a favourable way so that the people of Orissa will think that long after negligence they are getting justice.

[*Translation*]

SHRI AYUB KHAN (Jhunjhunu): Madam Chairman, I am thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to speak at such an occasion. First of all, I support the demands presented by the Railway Ministry in the House. Alongwith it, I extend my gratitude and thankful on behalf of my constituency, to the hon. Railway Minister, Shri Jaffzr Sharief that due to his ability our railway is one of the largest railways, in the world. Such a large railway family is being maintained in our country and all this is being done due to the ability of the hon. Railway Minister, for it not only you but all of your collegues and the whole Railway family deserve to be congratulated.

I come from Rajasthan, which is an extremely backward area. All of you know about its deserts. The people of that desert area have seen the train for the first time after 1982 which runs between Jhunjhunu and Delhi due to your efforts only. The Jhunjhunu area is the one which provides maximum

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number of armymen, to the Armed Forces of our country then any other area. Keeping in view the patriotism of the people of Jhunjhunu and the armymen, you have provided this train. The name of this train is 'Sainik' Express, which is admirable. The people of my constituency extend their gratitude to you and are thankful to you.

Since Rajasthan is the most backward area, and at present the Bhartiya Janta party is in power there, which does not know how to work. The conversion of metre gauge into broadguage is a big job for Rajasthan. Since the B.J.P. Government is there, their leaders could not any mobilise the people because they have not even the will power to work. They can only think about Mandir and Masjid.

Madam Chairman, through you I want to congratulate the hon. Minister on behalf of the people of Rajasthan and myself. I am thankful to him for introducing a new train in my constituency, Jhunjhunu for the first time after 1922. It will help the people there to become self-reliant and to remove their poverty.

Madam, I want to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister, the names of such stations where there are no facilities of drinking water, platform and shed. These are Navalgarh, Jhunjhunu, Mukundgarh, Surajgarh, Ramgarh, Fathepur and Bisau where there is neither any arrangement of drinking water, shed nor the platform. Therefore, my submission to the hon. Railway Minister is that the required facilities should be provided immediately at these stations.

Madam, I would like to request the hon. Minister, through you that there is a place named Hetamsar in my constituency, where there is no stoppage of that train. There is no railway station also. The people of that area have to go three to four kilometres to board the train. I hope that a new railway station will be constructed there to provide railway facility to the people there.

With these words I support the supplementary demand and extend thanks to the hon. Minister on behalf of the people of my constituency and on my own behalf as well for introducing a new train after 1922 for that area.

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM (Aligarh): Madam Chairman, I want to draw the attention of the hon. Railway Minister that Aligarh is a very important city, where the railway bridge on the Ramgarh Road has not yet been constructed. It has been lying pending since long and due to which daily 3-4 accidents take place at the railway crossing. Therefore, I want to submit through you that it should be constructed on priority basis.

The other thing I want to say about Aligarh is that daily passengers in a large number come to Delhi from Aligarh. Fortunately, Sheela ji is present here, for the solution of the problems at Delhi. They do not ask for houses and education but they want a direct train from Aligarh to Delhi which should depart from there at seven of half past seven and reach here at the office time and likewise there should be a train from Delhi in the evening, after the offices hours which should reach there at right time.

Madam, the journey time and fare of railway is comparatively less than the road transport. If we travel by bus then it takes three hours to reach Delhi while the train takes two hours and fifteen minutes only. Therefore, my submission to the hon. Minister, through you is that timings of the train shall be fixed keeping in view the daily passengers, their convenience and office hours.

[*English*]

SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH (Eluru): Madam Chairperson, this is the second time within eight months that the Railway Minister has come asking for more Budget. They increased the tariff by 10% and 71/2%. In fact they should have increased the railway facilities and improved the goods traffic, which is the largest railway movement. They also should have increased the facilities for the railway passengers. But the facilities are not improved. Today the first class bogies are in a very bad shape. They should improve upon these things when they ask for the increase in the Budget.

We also find that the track maintenance is not up to the mark. Recently we found in the South-Central Railways and in the whole country about 104 accidents within one month. Unless they improve all these things, they would not be able to improve the efficiency.

We would like to see that Vizag is also included in the South-Central Railways. Wherever the manned gates are required with the latest facilities, they should be able to construct them. Either the State Government or the Central Government has to take care of this. The Government should be able to see that the Railways do provide these facilities.

For all the Express Trains there should be AC II tier bogies. Vizag-Hyderabad trains should be made regular. For Bhadrachalam-Kovvur railway line already a survey has been made. We would like to see that the Railway people should be able to review that. Kakinada-Kottupalli line which was earlier there was removed during the war time. They should review this decision also.

On the platform longer trains come; but the shelter facilities are not up to the mark. I hope the Railway Minister will take into consideration all these factors and do something.

[*Translation*]

17.00 Hrs.

SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MUNDA (Keonjhar): Madam Chairman, we are very sad. The hon. Railway Minister has assured us twice. We had raised the issue during the previous budget also to lay railway line from Daitari to Vanspani immediately. The survey was conducted 30 years back but this work has not been completed as yet. We want to know whether the answer given by the hon. Minister is right or wrong. The nearest railway station in my constituency is J.K. Road, where there is no facility for the Harijans and the Adivasis. shri Madhu Dandavate ji had said about the train running between Barjamada and Barveel but the present hon. Minister does not remember even that. Now he asks to support the supplementary budget. It is very sad, our area is a mining area. Our area gives an annual income of rupees 50 crores to the Government. Here, it is claimed that they talk about the interest of the Adivasis but nothing is done for the Advasis. No facilities are given to them. We travel in first class. There are also so many problems. The meals served are of very poor quality. Nobody pays attention towards it.

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They should have considered those things. If they are not considering then, they will be blamed by the people. You should have to look into the country, look into the backward areas. Why are you not looking into it? They have no interest in it. I request them to look into these things. Thank you.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Madam Chairman, today, I rise only to thank the hon. Minister for the deep interest he has shown in implementing the most ambitious project of our area i.e. the construction of Chhitauni-Bagaha railway bridge. Despite this, it is unfortunate, rather I am ashamed that the two concerned State Governments i.e. the Government of Uttar Pradesh and that of Bihar have not provided financial assistance to the extent it was required. He, however, has allocated funds about Rs. 15 crores for the purpose.

I would like to submit that the Chairman of Railway Board, through he is going to retire this year, has shown his deep interest in giving final shape to it and implementing the project and also in the development of this backward area. Despite various obstacles, if he gives a tender by October this year and get the construction started at the earliest, it would not only add to his prestige but also check the additional cost of

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construction, ultimately opening a new chapter in the development of the backward areas of eastern Uttar Pradesh and norther Bihar.

With these words I conclude.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): I would like to raise 2-3 points. My first submission is that the railway line from Patna to Gaya is very old. Since 1984, we have been demanding for converting this line into broad gauge. It is a very backward area which has been turning sensitive like that of Punjab and Assam. Fathuha-Islampur is a metre gauge line which was constructed by Martin company and now it has been closed. The only means of transport available to the people of this area is bus. People have to bear heavy expenses by travelling by this mode of transportation. Besides, it is very inconvenient also. I would like the Government to get a survey conducted in that area and extend the railway line from Patna via Bodhgaya to Hazaribagh. Hazaribagh is the district headquarter, but no railway line has been constructed there so far. The Government should kindly pay attention to it.

You have withdrawn all the steam engines and this has led to the retrenchment of labourers. There the labourers were engaged by the contractors. Those labourers are very poor. About two hundred such poor labourers in Bodhgaya have become jobless and thousands of these labourers and their families are on the verge of starvation. This case has been filed in the Patna High Court. The Court has given an interim order and has directed that these labourers should be given jobs until the final verdict but the railway department is not ready to honour the court decision. You say that the person who does not obey court verdict is an offender and that 'Jungle Raj' prevails at such a place. But this is an interim verdict only. The labourers would obey the court order and you will also have to obey that. I had a talk with the DRM Mugalsarai in this connection yesterday and today also. He has assured me that an officer was being deputed to seek legal advice and that whatever advice he will give, it will be conveyed to me.

My other demand is that the Government should give licence to hawkers. Howkers sell things without any licence; police personnel take bribe from them and sometimes even beat them. But they are helpless and have to do their work in the same circumstances. The Government would earn about Rs. 60 crores by issuing licence to them. Therefore, licence should be given to them.

Bungling of crores of rupees take place in Railways. There is an officer in the Parcel office in commercial department in Danapur who is said to have an earning of about Rs. 10,000/- per day. Another officer of the same department told me that despite repeated complaints lodged against him, no action is being taken against him. Such malpractices should be checked. It can be utilised for the development purposes.

With these words I conclude.

[*English*]

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (Purulia): Madam Chairman, first of all, I would like to congratulate the hon. Minister for taking up conversion of Purulia-Kotsila rail line from narrow-gauge to broady gauge. I would like to suggest some pointed questions. There is Muri-Barkakhana passenger train which runs only 59 kilometres in a day. I wrote a letter to the hon. Minister. I suggest that this train should be extended up to Tatanagar. There is another short distance train from Dhanbad to Bokaro which runs only for 50 kilometres and detains for eight hours. It is running at loss. it will be profitable if it will be extended upto Muri. I also suggest that a new train from Haldia to Bokaro should be opened and for this purpose, a new railway line form Jhargram to Burdwan should be included in the next Railway Budget for which a survey should be made. I also request the hon. Minister for extension of Purulia-Howrah Express train to be extended upto Bharatbhum which is a big business centre. I also request the Railway Minister for opening of an express train from Bokaro to Howrah and Chakradharpur-Howrah passenger train should not be bifurcated.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT (Nandarbar): Madam Chairman, first of all I thank the hon. Minister of Railways for making the provision of diesel engines to the trains being operated at Surat-Bhusawal under Western Railway zone.

Surat-Bhusawal line is a 335 km, long railway line underWestern Railway Zone. The Surat-Udhna is a 10 km. double railway line, while Bhusawal-Jalgaon is a 22 km. double railway line. The construction work of 22 km. double railway line between Jalgaon and Amalner started in 1988 but has not been completed so far. The speed of the work is almost nill. So far as I know no funds have been earmarked for this project in the Railway Budget of the financial year 1992. The railway line passes through Surat, Bhusawal and the tribal areas of Gujarat and Maharashtra. I would like the hon. Minister of Railways to sanction funds for the project in the current financial year and get the construction work started at the earliest. This railway line was constructed during British rule. The Government of India did not pay adequate attention to it, due to which it has been lying in a bad condition. The hon. Minister of Railway should kindly pay attention to it.

Bombay-Delhi Rajdhani Express should be given a halt at Surat. A Railway gate should be constructed and a railway gatemen be deployed for 24 hours in order to avoid accidents. At present AC Express from Bombay to Delhi and vice-versa is operating but it does not have the provision of second class sleeper. This provision should be made in it so that a companion may be adjusted there. The hon. Minister may kindly pay attention to it.

I support the demands for grant, of Ministry of Railways and hope that the hon. Minister of Railways would pay attention to what I have submitted.

SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA (Kheri): I belong to the Lakhimpury Kheri area which is extremely backward, the area where there is only a narrow gauge and not broad gauge line.

The distance from Lucknow to this area is about 175 km. and abuot 150 km. if we go via Bareilly. The condition of the railway line in this area is very bad. Therefore, Mr. Minister, Sir, I would like to submit to you that their condition should be improved.

Secondly, the area in Kheri where the railway line Passes is inhabited by dense population. But there is no over bridge. Therefore, I would like the hon. Minister to provide this facility.

Thrirdly, three members travel in train from Shahjehanpur myself from Lakhimpur, Shri Janardhan Mishra from Sitapur, Shri Surendra Pathak and Shri Satypal Singh, and Shri Chimayanand and sometimes Shri Parshuram Gangwar from Shahbad. I would like to hon. Minister to make the provision of the halt of this train at this railway station. Six Members would avail the facility to get in the train at this railway station. Besides, as Shri Rajveer Singh has already pointed out that there is no train from Delhi to this area and vice-versa in the morning. I agree to what Shri Rajveer Singh has pointed out. Bareilly Express starts at 6.30 A.M. and reaches Delhi at 10 A.M. My submission to the hon. Minister is that the route of this train should be extended to Shahjahanpur.

One thing more, a metre gauge Khotar railway line which was constructed during the British rule in 1913 was dismmitted. The distance from Shahjehanespur to Farukhabad is 70km., if we go via Bareilly the distance is about 300 km. and if we go via Kanpur-Lucknow, the distance is about 550 km. A railway line was proposed to be constructed this route. But I don't know what happened to that proposal. The matter should be taken for reconsideration. This railway line should be extended form Farukhabad-Shahjehanpur to Khotar. This would be a matter of great public convenience. The most important factor is that Tehsil Palia

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happens to be a terrorist area. There being a narrow gauge facility, no Express trains goes there. My submission is that the train service should be extended from Khotar via Chandanchauki, Gaurafanta, Palia to Gola and then to Sitapur and Lucknow via Kheri. It takes 11 hours to reach the destination covering the total distance of about 160-170. km. Therefore, I would submit to run at least one train to chandan chauki. It is an extremely backward area inhabited by Tharu Scheduled tribe. The Government will have to take the measures to provide facility to the people of Tharu community and Harijans.

Before I conclude, I would urge the hon. Minister to take the required measures in regard to Palia-Chandanchauki and Gaurifants-Sitapur railway lines for the convenience of the people.

[*English*]

SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI (Serampore): While supporting the for a seven-day Rajadhani Express on Howarh-Delhi route, I also demand that it should be speedier too. At present, normally it takes about 18 hours, if not more. I suggest that it should not take more than 14 hours. I also request that a new superfast express on the lines of the Shatabdi Express should be introduced on Howrah-Delhi line.

My second demand is that all important trains should halt at Bally station, which is a confluence of three important sections of Eastern and South Eastern Railway. Haltage of all major trains at Bally facilitates smooth running of trains as also smooth inflow and outflow of passengers. Therefore, this may please be considered.

Regarding Howrah-Amta railway, I may inform the hon. House that the foundation stone for this line was laid by late Mrs. Indira Gandhi during the Eighties. But till now, only a track upto Bargachia has been completed. The trains run on this line are also very infrequent. We demand that the Howrah-Amta-Chapadanga railway project be translated into reality and implemented immediately. More trains should run between Howrah and Bargachia.

Dankuni and Serampore stations in Howrah-Burdwan Port and Howrah Burdwan Mainland respectively should have computerised booking counters. This is urgently necessary.

As regards the Metro Railway, there are two projects from Dakshineswar to Garia and Ramrajatala to Salt Lake stretch, which should be looked into. Acquisition of land and other primary work should be undertaken immediately so that time may not be lost and the expertise that we have acquired during construction of the present stage of Metro-rail should not be wasted. So, this should be done.

Lastly, bearing in mind that the Railways have a great intergrating role to play, Rajdhani Express should be introduced immediately between Delhi-Madras, Delhi-Guwahati, Delhi-Bangalore and Delhi-Trivandrum.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY (Allahabad): Madam Chairman, I rise to oppose the Suplementary demands for grants. While preparing this Railway Budget gross injustice has been done against the North India. I would like to point out to the hon. Minister that the Government is frequently increasing the rail-fares but it not paying any attention to the facilities for passengers. The second class compartment is always found dirty. Due to non-availability of light in the 2nd class coaches, the passengers face a lot of difficulties and most of the accidents occur for want of light.

Secondly, I would like to state that the then Minister of Railways, Shir A.B.A. Ghani Khan Chudhary had proposed to set up a Zonal Headquarters in 1983-84 at Allahabad. Eight years have passed since then, but the Government has not bothered to open a file regarding setting up of a zonal headquarters there. I would like to remind the hon. Minister of Railways that he has informed me through a letter that due to financial constraints; it is not possible to set up the Headquarters at Allahabad. But I would like to point out that all the necessary facilities have been provided to the South India. I would like to know as to why the financial constraints did not come in the way for providing facilities to the South India. The Zonal office of Northern Railways is located in Baroda House, Delhi. The proposed headquarters of Zonal office at Allahabad should be set up after reconstituting the Northern and Central Zones. The Government should pay its attention to this long outstanding demand.

Thirdly, the former Minister of Railways Shri Janeshwar Mishra had laid the foundation of the Rail Yatri Niwas at Allahabad. That work has come to a standstill completely. The Government might be knowing that Allahabad is an important city. This city is famous for its social, educational, religious and industrial importance. There are number of headquarters of different offices and High Court. Due to this reason many people usually visit the place daily. It is, therefore, essential to set up a Rail Yatri Nivas there. Some important trains have no stoppage there; these trains must have a stoppage there.

Madam Chairman, I would also like to point out one more thing that after 45 years of Independence even today. There is no gate on Railway Crossings at Anwal, Samhan and Sosoi which fall under my constituency, Allahabad. As a result of it, accidents take place usually. Sometimes the entire bus full of passengers and people riding on tractors fall victims of fatal accidents. So it is very essential to have an interlocking railway gate at every railway crossing.

Moreover, the former Minister of Railways Shri Janeshwar Mishra had announced during the course of discussion held on the vote on account 1990-91, to introduce a new train direct between Agra and Allahabad. As the hon. Minister himself knows the importance of Allahabad city the Government should not treat this city as a neglected one and early efforts should be made to materialise the announcements made by the former Railway Ministers.

Madam Chairman, a great negligence is being shown while providing employment on compassionate ground, in the Railway department, causing starvation to the families of Railway employees who die during the period of their service. I, therefore, would like to request that there social be no delay at least in providing employment on compassionate ground to the members of the deceased families.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, I call upon the Hon. Minister to reply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): You may kindly give opportunity to some more Members to that by that time the Minister will come to the House. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI (Kaiserganj): Please, allow me also an opportunity to put my views. I have not been provided any opportunity to speak even for a minute. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: First you sit down please. You should not speak like this. The smooth running of the proceedings in the House depends on all of you. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI (Robertsganj): I too was not given any time to speak. I too have to express my views..

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI (Sultanpur): Would you not allow me to speak? I have been sitting here for two hours, but I have not been given an opportunity to speak..(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I call upon the hon. Minister to speak. Many people have missed their chances. You can speak to the Minister. Please maintain the discipline of the House.

(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Madam Chairman, I am grateful to the hon. Members who have participated in the discussion. I have been greatly benefited by their valuable suggestions. In fact, when I was listening to the debate, I was wondering whether I have come before the House for Supplementary Grants or whether I have presented another Budget. I do appreciate the anxiety, the interest of the Members because everybody in our country needs development I wish I would have been in a position to take more work, if the Planning Commission would have been able to permit me or you have given me more allocation.

Madam, as you know, I have come before the House for a limited purpose. But I can assure that it shall be our endeavour to keep these suggestions in mind for implementation wherever possible.

Sixteen new projects of gauge conversion totalling 3352 kms. were included in the Budget of 1992-93. During the Budget discussions, many of my colleagues wanted me to take up some more works in the current year itself. While replying to these discussions, I had indicated that gauge conversion of Purulia-Kotshila, Madras-Tiruchhirappalli and Kotakpura-Fazlka Section will be undertaken in 1992-93. In addition, the electrification of Bendel-Katwa Section was also proposed to be taken up in the current year. Accordingly, in my statement which I made in the House on the 5th May, 1992, I had stated that for making an immediate start to these works, each of which constitutes a new services, money was being withdrawn from the Contingency Fund of India and that the money so withdrawn will be recouped through the Supplementary Demands for Grants.

Madam, Purulia-Kotshila is a 33 kms. narrow gaugeline linking Chandil-Adra & Muri-Gomoh Broadgauge lines. The conversion of this section will provide operational flexibility and generate adequate capacity for handling broad gauge traffic.

Kotkapura-Fazilka section is the only metre gauge line in the State of Punjab connecting border town of Fazilka with Bhatinda via Kotkapura. Conversion of this line will provide a shorter route from the cantonment two of Bhatinda to Fazilka on the broad gauge by 55. kilometres, apart from avoiding transhipments.

Conversion of Madras-Trichy section will meet the long standing aspirations of the people of Tamil Nadu and will quicken the development of South Tamil Nadu.

Bandel Katwa section is predominantly a sub-urban section and it has been decided in consultation with the Planning Commission to undertake electrification of this section.

The estimated cost of the works included in the Supplementary Demand are Rs. 30 crores for gauge conversions of Kotkapura-Fazilka section (80 kms.), Rs. 200 crores for Madras-Tiruchchirappalli section (337 kms.) and Rs. 20 crores for Purulia-Kotshila section (35 kms.) and Rs. 45.5 crores for electrification of Bandel-Katwa section (10.4 kms.). To give an immediate start, advance of Rs. 20 lakhs, Rs. 50 lakhs, Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 10 lakhs respectively was obtained from the Contingency Fund of India. For recoupment of the Fund, a token supplementary grant of Rs. one lakh for each of the four works i.e. Rs. 4 lakhs in all, is sought. The balance amount for recoupment of the Contingency Fund can be found by reappropriation within the grant.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, will you please allow me one minute? Since there is a General Purposes Committee Meeting, if the House has no objection, I would request Shri Nirmal Kanti Chatterjee to take the Chair.

17.32. hrs.

[SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE *in the Chair*]

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, the gauge conversion is to be viewed as an alternative to the existing congested routes. This will minimise transport bottlenecks, transhipments hazards and would enhance the Railways capacity and capability to handle traffic and at the same time inspire confidence in the investors in opeining up new growth centres. In this endeavour, the Railways have framed an Action Plan covering about 11000 kilometres for gauge conversion. This Action Plan has been withdrawn up on the basis of operational and strategic priorities and covers projects in most parts of the country and not as one of the speaker saying that we have taken a partisan attitude. At the time of presentation of Budget, it was mentioned that 1200 kilometres will be converted in the first year of the Eighth Plan. I am happy to inform the House that with the progress achieved so far, the Railways are confident of achieving this target, if not exceeding it.

Mr. Chairman Sir, in my Budget Speech I had mentioned that "Own Your Wagon Scheme" would soon be launched to supplement the wagon fleet of the Railways which are facing financial constraints. I am happy to inform the House that the Railways are now ready with this scheme and the captains of the industry, trade and commerce are invited to participate in this venture. The scheme envisages purchase of wagons by the rail users either directly from the wagon builders or through the Indian Railways. The general purpose wagons will be merged with the Railway's fleet and these wagons will be maintained by the Indian Railways. The Railways will not only pay appropriate lease charges to the owners of the private wagons but also ensure a guaranteed supply of the wagons up to a specified number to the concerned rail users.

I have already mentioned in this House about the purchase of 6000 High Horse Power Electric Locomotives. The procurement of these locomotives is a part of the modernisation of the Indian Railway System. All procedures, rules and regulations have been followed in awarding the contract to M/s. ABB. The matter has been sufficiently explained in the House and there is nothing more for me to say.

In fact, when some Members gave notice on this, I myself offered to have a discussion on this in the House. I have got nothing to hide. In fact, it will not be out of place if I have to mention the names of some of the hon. Members of the House belonging to different political parties with whom I have already shared my views. To name a few, to Shri Jaswant Singh we have shown every thing. Shri Basudeb Acharia my friend is sitting right in front of me, we have shared with him. We have not kept anything to ourselves. With Shri Indrajit Gupta, the esteemed leader of the CPI also owe have shared. With Shri Rao of Teleugu Desam also, we have shared it. We have shared it with Shri Amal Datta also. I can say, that if any other hon. Member wishes to come and look into these files, he is welcome to come and look into the record. I have got nothing to hide.

So far as commercial exploitation of the railway land is concerned, my colleague Shri Mallikarjun has already explained it in detail. I have nothing to add.

During the course of the discussion my esteemed friends, Shri Rabi Ray, Dr. Kat Keswar Patra and many other friends from Orissa have raised the question of railway development work in Orissa. An all party delegation under the leadership of the Speaker of the Orissa Assembly called on the Prime Minister and me. After discussing with the all Party delegation and also the Members of Parliament from Orissa, I have made the following announcements:-

1. Gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi North Gauge section to Broad Gauge will be included in the action plan.

2. The Railway Ministry will

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pursue the construction of a new line form Daitari to Banspani with the Planning Commission.

3. Action will be taken to upgrade important railway stations in Orissa and to allot more funds for passenger amenities.

4. Survey for electrification of Visakhapatnam to Kharagpur which is already sanctioned will be expedited.

During 1988-89, excess expenditure to the tune of Rs. 104.45 crores under Grant Nos. 10, 13, and 16. In addition, excess expenditure of Rs. 51.94 lakhs occurred under Charge Appropriation under Grants Nos. 3, 4, 7, 9 and 11.

Out of the excess of Rs. 104.45 crores, the excess in demand No. 13 dealing with Provident Fund, Pension, and other retirement benefits is Rs. 99.3 crores. The Railways are taking steps to ensure that the Budget Estimates are prepared more realistically and variations of this magnitude do not recur. The position has in fact improved in 1989-90 when the excess under this demand was only Rs. 2.47 crores and in 1990-91 when the excess was only Rs. 19.06 crores.

The excess in expenditure during 1988-89 has been scrutinised by the Public Accounts Committee who have recommended its regularisation in their 19th Report presented to the Lok Sabha on 29.4.1992. The Demands for Excess Grants have, therefore, been presented for regularisation.

As the House in aware, we had projected a surplus of Rs. 235 crores in the original Budget Estimates for the year 1991-92. This was increased to Rs. 435 crores at the Revised Estimate stage. I am glad to inform the House that we have exceeded even this target. This has been possible as a result of earnest and concerted efforts put in by the entire railway family and its dedicated workers.

Sir, as in the last year, an Action Plan has been launched this year also to show an improvement in the operating ratio. The financial performance so far is very encouraging and I am fully confident that the railwaymen, known for their devotion and dedication, will live up to the task and our Action Plan will yield the desired results by ways of generating more internal resources.

Shri Basudeb Acharia has raised a point that dismissed/retrenched employees should be re-instated. Out of 13,500 LRSA staff who participated in the illegal agitation of 1980-81, 611 staff were dismissed/removed from service under Rule 14 (ii). 313 LRESA staff have since been reinstated in service or their purnishment modified, either on appeal/revision or based on court orders. Similarly 56 non-LRSA staff were removed under Rule 14 (ii) since 1.4.1980 for trade union activities out of whom five have been reinstated. The balance who stand removed/dismissed are 298 LRSA and 51 others, totalling 349.

As already stated in Parliament, the Government have decided not to reinstate the remaining employees. However, a proposal to give them some monetary relief as ex-gratia has been considered and the Cabinet has just approved the payment to be made based on their length of service and salary at the time of their removal. The families of the deceased employees will also be eligible for the ex-gratia, as per provisions made.

Shri Basudeb Acharia has also mentioned about the orders of courts for holding enquiry in 135 cases. Some of these cases referred to by him do not pertain to trade union activities of 14 (ii) cases. SLPs have already been filed/being filed in cases where important issues of law are involved. In other cases, holding of enquiry is being processed.

So far as Perspective Plan for Modernisation of Indian Railways is concerned, the Indian Railways have been continuously modernising their system with a view to achieve greater cost effectiveness. With this objective in view, various steps have been taken and will continue to be taken to ensure that the Railways are able to provide their transport service at as low a cost as possible. Some of the salient features of the drive towards modernisation are listed below:

Steam Traction is being phased out on acceleleated basis and steam locos will be completely eliminated on the Broad Gauge by the end of 1994-95 and on the Metre Gauge by the turn of the century.

The existing diesel locomotives have been made more fuel efficient by fitting more fuel efficient kits.

Three phase electric locomotives are proposed to be procured and taken up for indigenous manufacture in Chittaranjan Locomotives. This would considerably reduce the energy consumption and would also be more economical to maintain.

Eight wheel bogies wagons with air brakes, high capacity couplers and tapered rolling bearings have been introduced and the Lold four wheel wagon is being phased out.

Welding of rails is being done on an ever increasing scale. This not only reduces the wear and tear of the track but also provided for a smooth and noiseless movement apart from giving savings in energy consumption.

By the use of concrete sleepers the Indian Railways have practically eliminated purchase of new timber sleepers. This is a major step towards environmental improvement.

Track machines are being increasingly used for track maintenance not only for better quality of work but also in reducing costs.

The Railways have also adopted modernised signalling systems such as panel inter-locking, route relay inter-locking, multi/aspect colour light signalling etc. Safety is being improved by extending track circuits and auxilliary warning systems. As beginning has already been made in the use of fibre optics for communication purposes.

COMPUTERISATION - The passanger reservation system was first started at New Delhi and has already been extended to 37 stations and is also being progressively extended to other stations also. This has provided a great deal of passenger satisfaction and has also provided facility for instant onward/return reservation. Use of computers in day to day working on the Railways is also being extended in the Divisions, Workshops, Stores Depots, Diesel Sheds, Claims Offices, etc.

The Production Units and Workshops are a very important part of the Railway Organisation. 6 major workshops at Parel, Ajmer, Jagadhari, Golden Rock, Liluah, Kharagpur and ICF at Madras have already been modernised and work on some of the other important ones is on hand. This will reduce down time of the locomotives, coaches and wagons.

Over, 100,000 kms. of railway line has already been electrified and further electrification is being taken up as a major thrust area to reduce dependence on imported diesel oil.

The hon. Members have been demanding in their speeches that the Government to be an open house. It has been decided to constitute 3 Sub-Groups from amongst Members of Consultative Committee of MPs for the Ministry of Railways. Each of the Sub-Groups will be studying two of the following aspects and will give their suggestions thereon:

Financial prospects of Indian Railways. It is open to them to monitor, to supervise, to study, to scrutinise, is to help and to advice us. There are lot of doubts with regard to

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disposal of scrap. All sorts of allegations of corruption were attributed. So, the Members can go into all of them and they can think about the modalities how to take care of them.

About commercial exploitation of railway lands, motives are being attributed. There is a doubt that we are taking partial steps. Nobody need to be worried about it. They can go into that aspect also.

Rolling stock-planning, availability, capacity generation etc. The doubts were expressed about the purchase of locomotives, the parts of the rolling stock. They can go into this aspect also.

Passenger services - improvements and rationalisation of train stoppages. It is a constant worry for a Railway Minister. Each of the Sub-Groups will be assisted by an Adviser of Railway Board.

A reference has been made to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to issue Notification in this regard.

Sir, as I said, before, I would have been a very happy man, if I could have been able to respond to many of the requests and demands made by the hon. Members. Unfortunately, these Supplementary Grants are only for a very limited objective. So, I, therefore, do not want to elaborate it. But, we have taken note of all the suggestions made by the hon. Members on the floor of the Houses and my Ministry will look into all oif them. We will be trying our level best to do our best in these matters and we will be writing to them in this regard. I, now, request the Hours to pass Supplementary Gsants. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, I have mentioned about the dismissed railways employees. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is now ten minutes to Six. If the Minister agrees to reply to the Supplementaries, then only I will allow.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me try to find out.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have already said, this is about the Supplementary Demand for Grant. Originally the time allotted was four hours. We have taken time more or less equal to the time that we had taken for budget discussion. I have said that we have taken note of all these things, we will do our best and we will also be writing to you. I would not like that we should proceed unnecessarily with this.

So far as the Appropriation Bill is concerned, it is an understanding that there will not be any debate on that. We will be putting it together and I will request the House to pass it. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

DR. G.L. KANAUJIA (Kheri): Hon. Minister, when you have not to spend even a single penny on any work, why is so much delay in executing that work? if the Bareilly passenger is extended upto Shahjehanpur which is located at a distance of only 40 kilometre from Bareilly, it will be very convenient for the people. Shri Rajveer Singh has already mentioned this; I am also requesting you in this regard..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI C.K. JAFER SHARIEF: We will look into it. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. What do you want to say Mr. Inder Jit?

SHRI INDER JIT (Darjeeling): Sir, are you permitting all of us to ask questions? If you allow one to put a question, then you should allow all the others too.

SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI: I want a categorical statement from the

Minister (*Interruptions*)

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri): If the Chair permits a question or clarification, then only it can be asked.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore). Sir, I had raised the issue of recognition of Bharatiya Rail Mazdoor Sangh representing three lakh employees. I want to know the reaction of the Minister. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAND: Mr. Chandrakar, what is it that you want to say?

SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR (Durg): I want a closure of the debate. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Murshidabad): Sir, the question of retrenched workers is very important.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: He agreed to consider those cases of retrenched workers where the High Court has heard and given a favourable judgment. Do you agree?(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister has nothing more to add for the present

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: I have him all the copies of the Judgment. (*Interruptions*). We will not allow the Appropriation Bill to be passed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum): Mr. Chairman, you will be creating a very bad precedent if the disciplinary action against the Government employees is allowed to be discussed in this august House. May I know under what rule the individul cases could be taken up for discussion here? This House is meant for discussing the policy matters and not for discussing individual cases of disciplinary action against Government employees. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI E. AHAMED: Sir, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

17.55 hrs.

At this stage, Shri Basudeb Acharia and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Sir, since we are not getting any proper reply from the Minister, we are walking out in protest.

17.551/2 hrs.

At this state, Shri Basudeb Acharia and some other hon. Members left the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will now put the Supplementary Demand for Grant in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1992-93 to the vote of the House.

The question is:

> "That the supplementary sum not exceeding the amount shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President of India, out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1993, in respect of the head of Demand entered in the second column thereof - Demand No. 16. "

The motion was adopted.

Supplementary Demand for Grant (Railways) for 1992-93 voted by Lok Sabha.

No. of Demand	*Name of Demand*	*Amount of Demand for Grant voted by the House*
1	*2*	*3*
16.	Assets - Acquisition, Construction and Replacement	Rs.
	Other Expenditure	
	Capital	4,00,000

MR. CHAIRMAN: I now put the Demands for Excess Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1988-89 to the vote of the House.

The question is:

> "That the respective excess sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President of India out of the Consolidated Fund of India to make good the excess on the respective grants during the year ended on the 31st day of March, 1989, in respect of the following Demands entered in the second column thereof - Demand Nos. 10, 13 and 16."

The motion was adopted.

Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 1988-89 Vote by Lok Sabha

No. of Demand	*Name of Demand*	*Amount of Demand to be Voted by the House*
1	*2*	*3*
		Rs.
10.	Operating Expenses - Fuel	3,82,74,306
13.	Provident Fund, Pension and other Retirement Benefits,	93,30,34,414
16.	Assets-Acquisition, Construction and Replacement Other Expenditure Railway Funds	7,32,34,305

17.57 hrs.

[*English*]

APPROPRIATTION (RAILWAYS) NO.3 BILL*, 1992

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1992-93 for the purposes of Railways.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1992-93 for the purposes of Railways."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I introduce the Bill.

MR. CHARIMAN: The Minister may now move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Moved with the recommendations of the president.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1992-93 for the purposes of Railways, be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> "That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1992-93 for the purposes of Railways, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, we have got just one minute left now and I do not think that the Clause by Clause consideration will be over within one minute. Therefore, I request that the House be extended, not only for passing the Appropriation Bill, but also as we had agreed earlier to sit late today since there are only two days left and a lot of Government business is pending, we can extend upto 7.30 p.m.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore): Mr. Chairman, Sir, we had raised some valid points during the discussion and the Minister has not agreed to our demands. Now, why should we agree for extending the House?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: If the Member have objection for extending the House upto 7.30 p.m., we can at least extend the House till we pass the Appropriation Bill.

[*Translation*]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): The hon. Minister has introduced the motion for consideration. Many hon. Members including the members of C.P.I. have gone. There is also no quorum in the House. I think it would not be appropriate to extend the House. Please sit till we pass the Demands for Railways.

18.00 hrs.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The proposal is that the Appropriation Bill be adopted because there will be no discussion on the

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Appropriation Bill.

Now the House will take up Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

The question is :

> "That clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question is:

> "That the scheduled clause I, the Enacting Formula and the long little stand part of the Bill.

The motion was adopted.

The Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the long Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill be Passed"

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> "That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted

18.02 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS)NO. 4 BILL*, 1992.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services for the purposes of Railways during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1989 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> " That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services for the purposes of Railways during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1989 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, I introduce** the Bill.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I beg to move**:

> " That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services for the purposes of Railways during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1989 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> " That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of

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> moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services for the purposes of Railways during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1989 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the House will take up Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

The question is:

> "That clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the question is:

> "That the Schedule Clause I, the Enacting Formula and the long Title stand part of the Bill.

The motion was adopted.

The Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the long Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, I beg to move:

> " That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> " That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to re-assemble at 11.00 AM on Tuesday, the 11th instant.

18.04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, August 11, 1992/Sravana 20, 1914 (Saka)

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